

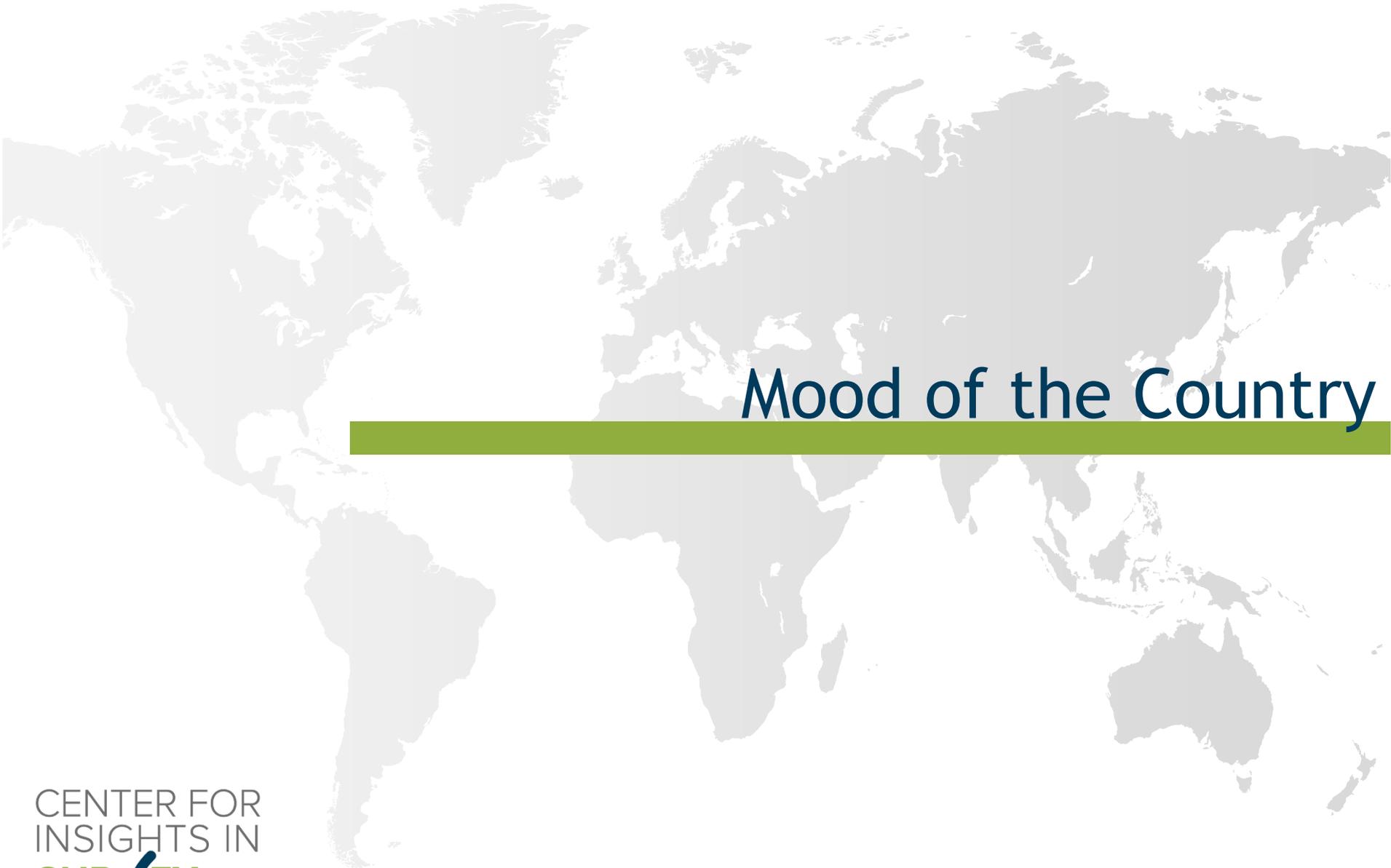


Public Opinion Survey Residents of Kyrgyzstan

March 7-20, 2016

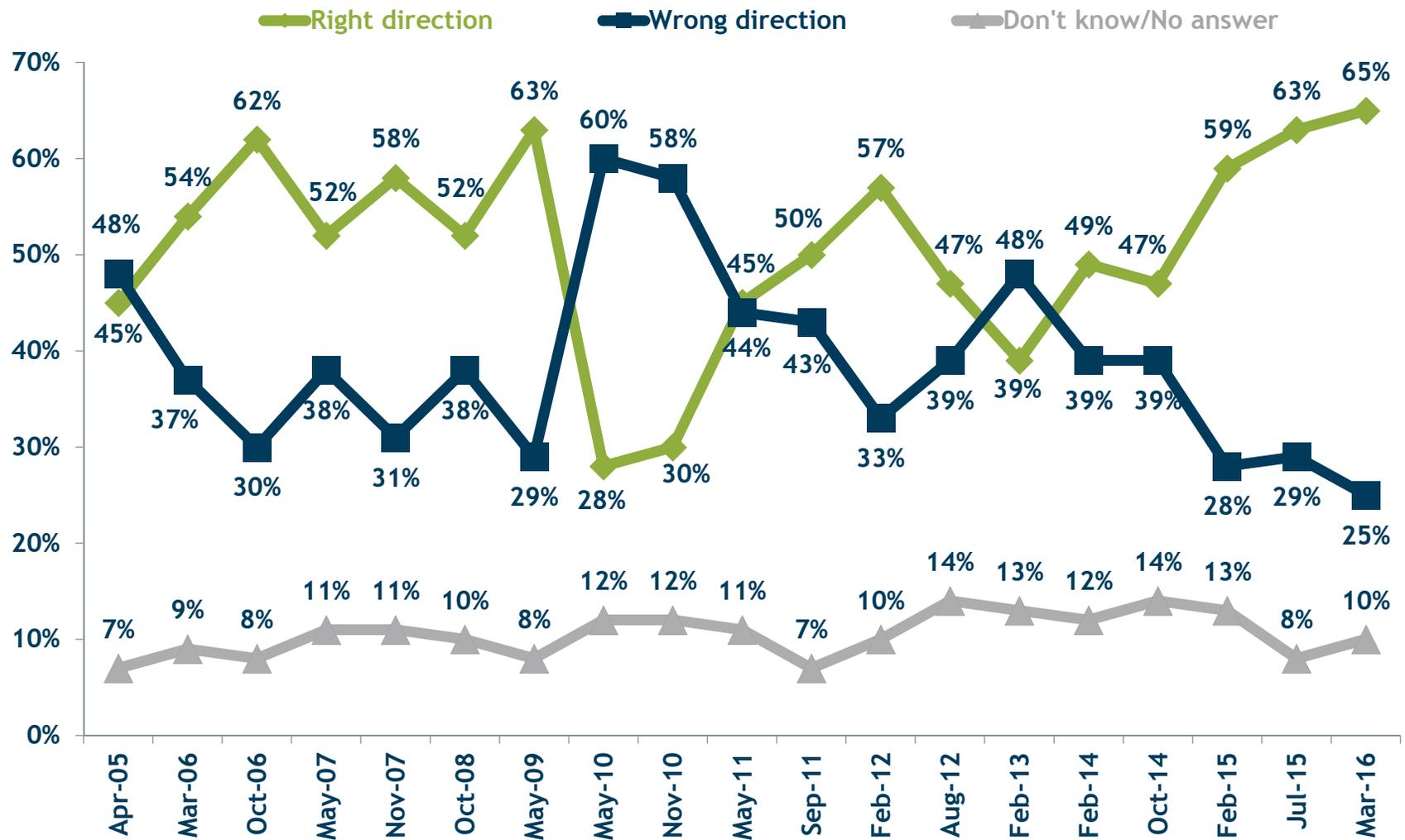
Detailed Methodology

- The survey was conducted by [Dr. Rasa Alisauskiene](#) of the public and market research company Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization on behalf of the [International Republican Institute](#). The field work was carried out by [SIAR Research and Consulting](#).
- Data was collected throughout Kyrgyzstan from March 7-20, 2016 via face-to-face interviews at respondents' homes.
- The sample consisted of 1,500 permanent residents of Kyrgyzstan aged 18 and older who are eligible to vote. It is representative of the general population by age, gender, education, region and size of the settlement.
- A multistage probability sampling method was used with the random route and Kish table for respondents' selection procedures.
 - Stage one: The districts of Kyrgyzstan are grouped into seven regions plus Bishkek. Each region of Kyrgyzstan is surveyed.
 - Stage two: Settlements were selected at random. The number of selected settlements in each region was proportional to the share of population living in a particular type of the settlement in each region.
 - Stage three: Primary sampling units were described.
- The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.5 percent.
- The response rate was 70 percent.
- Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Interviews were conducted in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek languages.
- The survey was funded by the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#), as well as by the European Union.



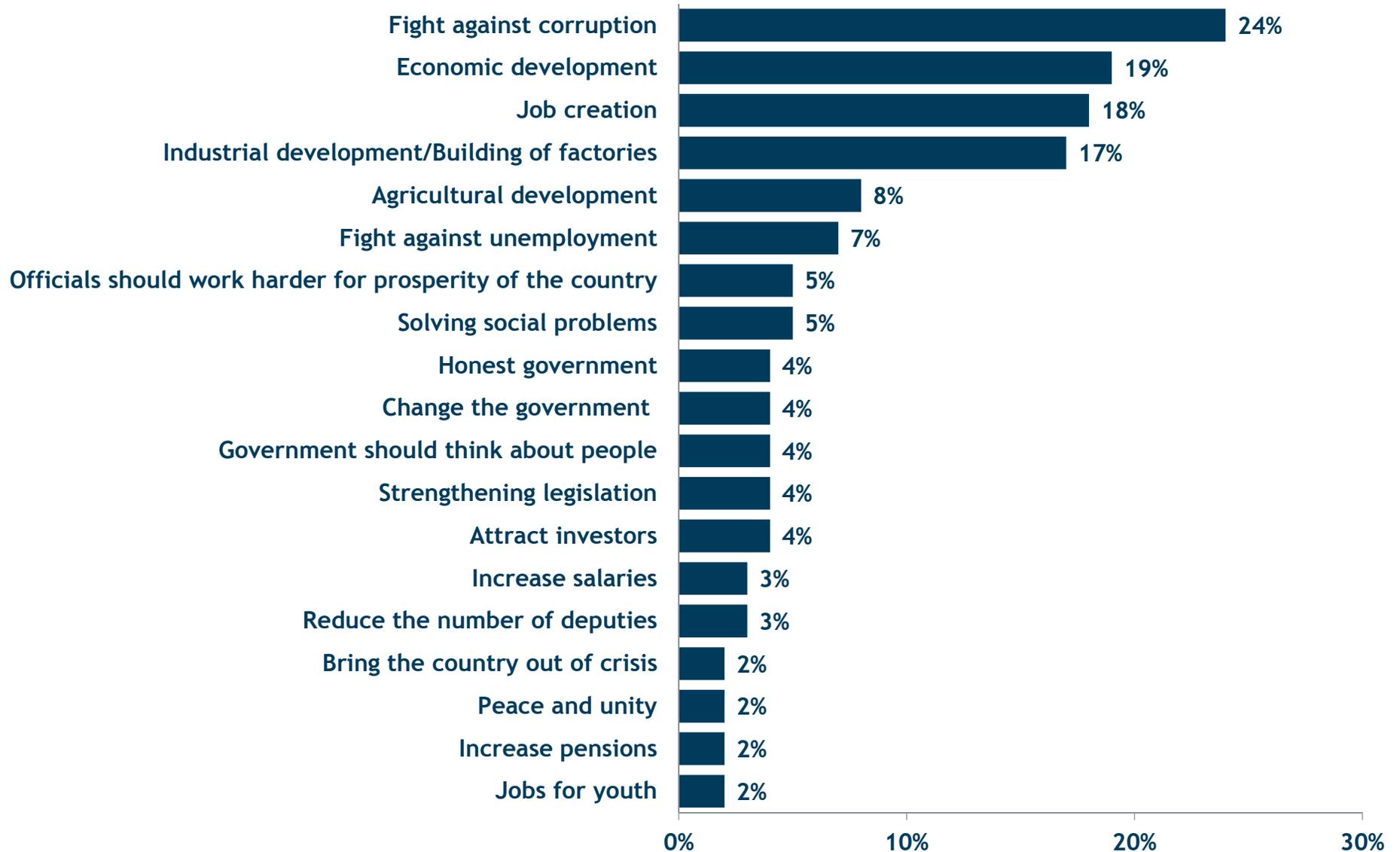
Mood of the Country

Generally speaking, do you think that things in Kyrgyzstan are going in the right direction or wrong direction?

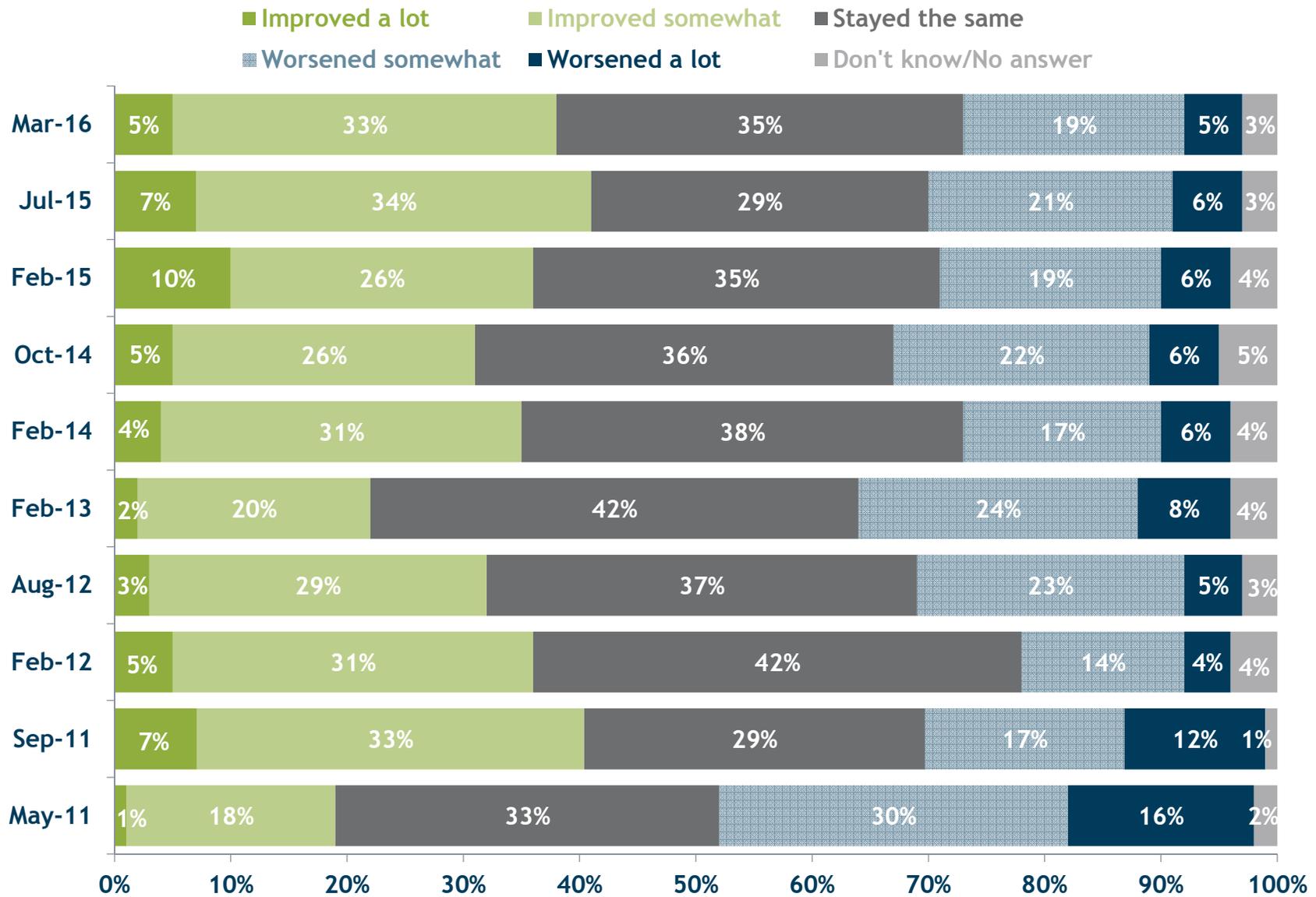


In your opinion, what actions would move Kyrgyzstan in the right direction?

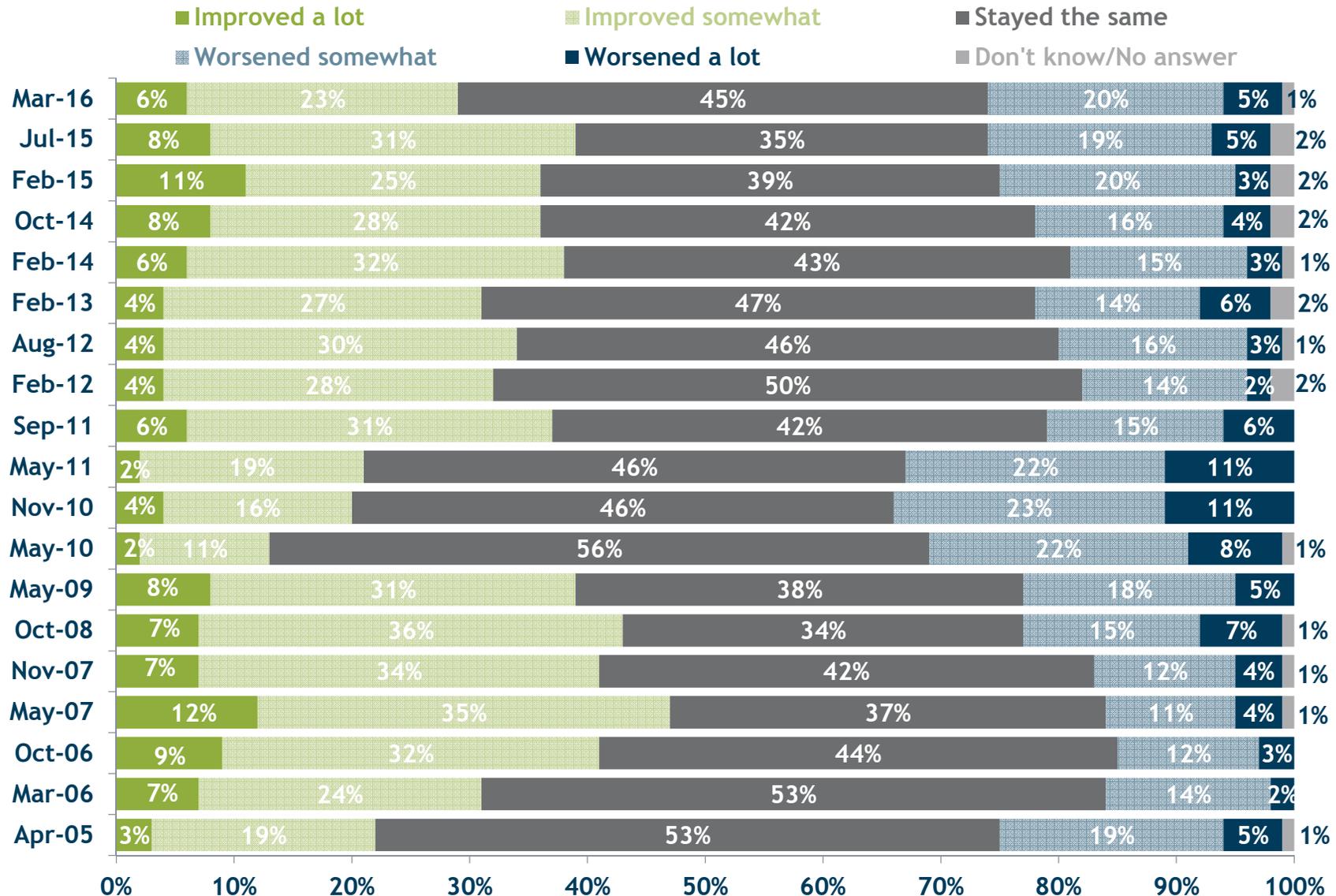
(Spontaneous, all mentions, mentioned by at least 2%)



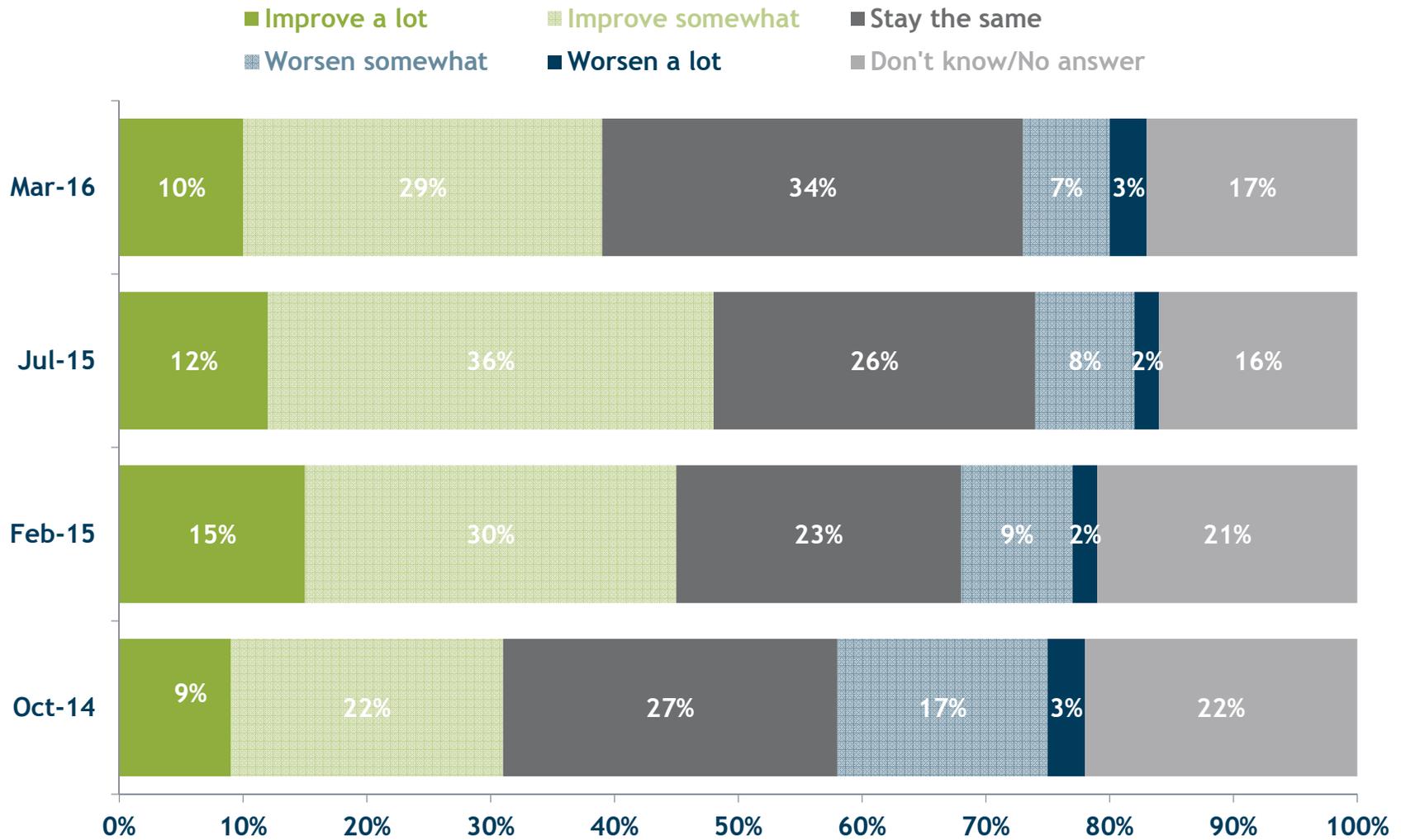
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation in Kyrgyzstan changed?



Over the last 12 months, how has the financial situation of your household changed?

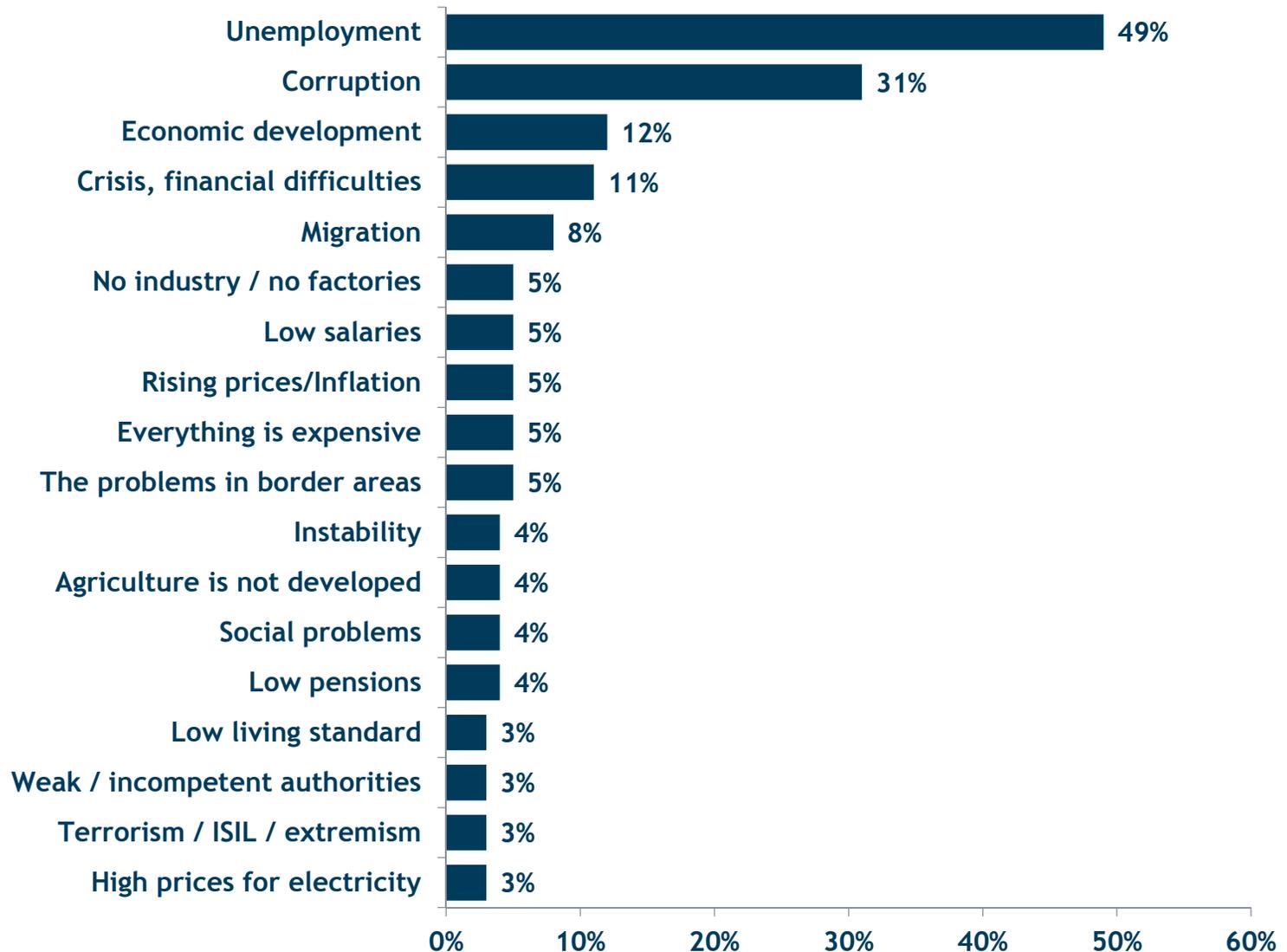


In your opinion, how will the economic situation of Kyrgyzstan change in the next year?



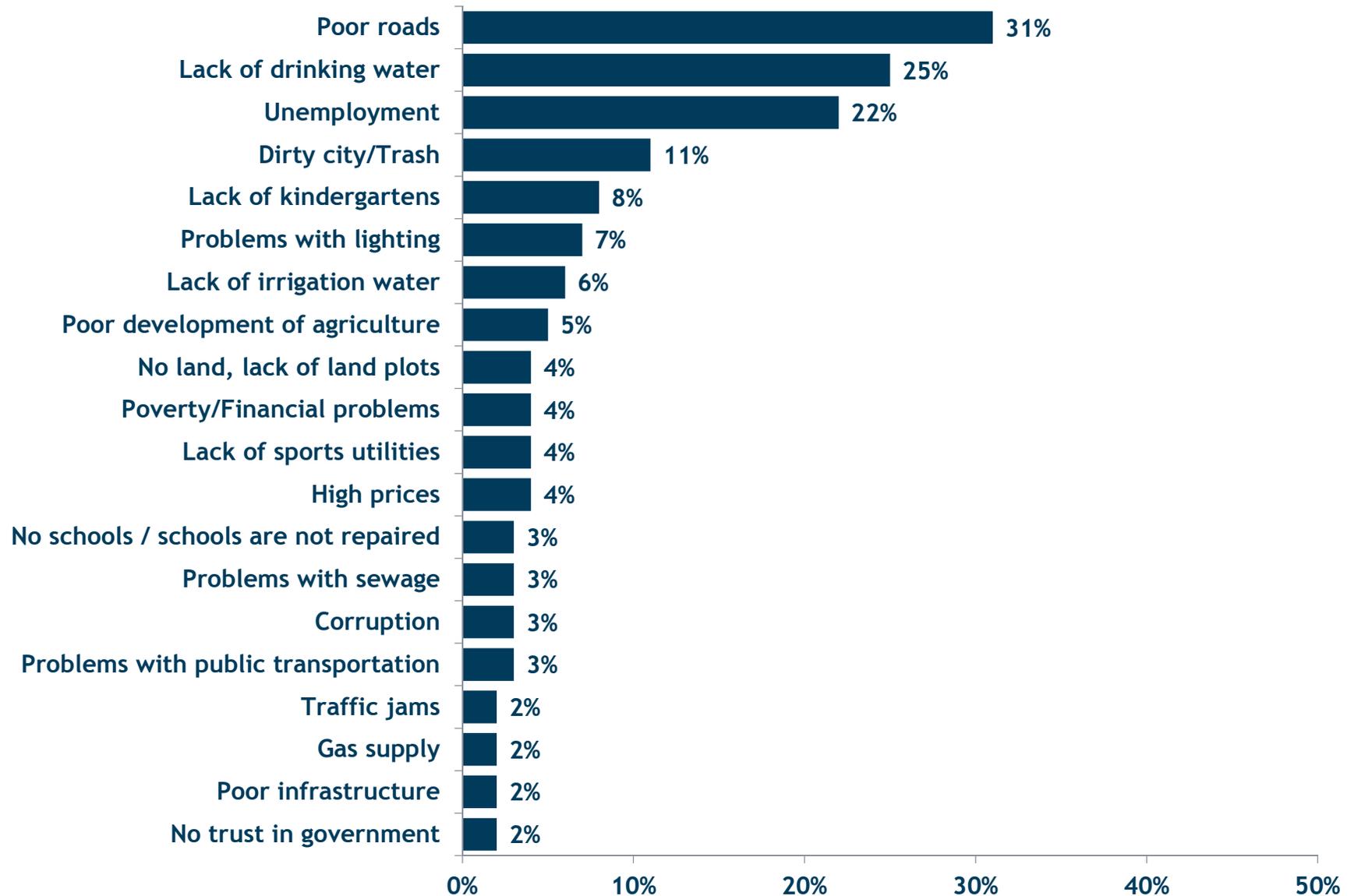
Of the following, what are the most important problems that Kyrgyzstan is facing at the moment?

(Spontaneous, three mentions, problems mentioned by at least 2%)



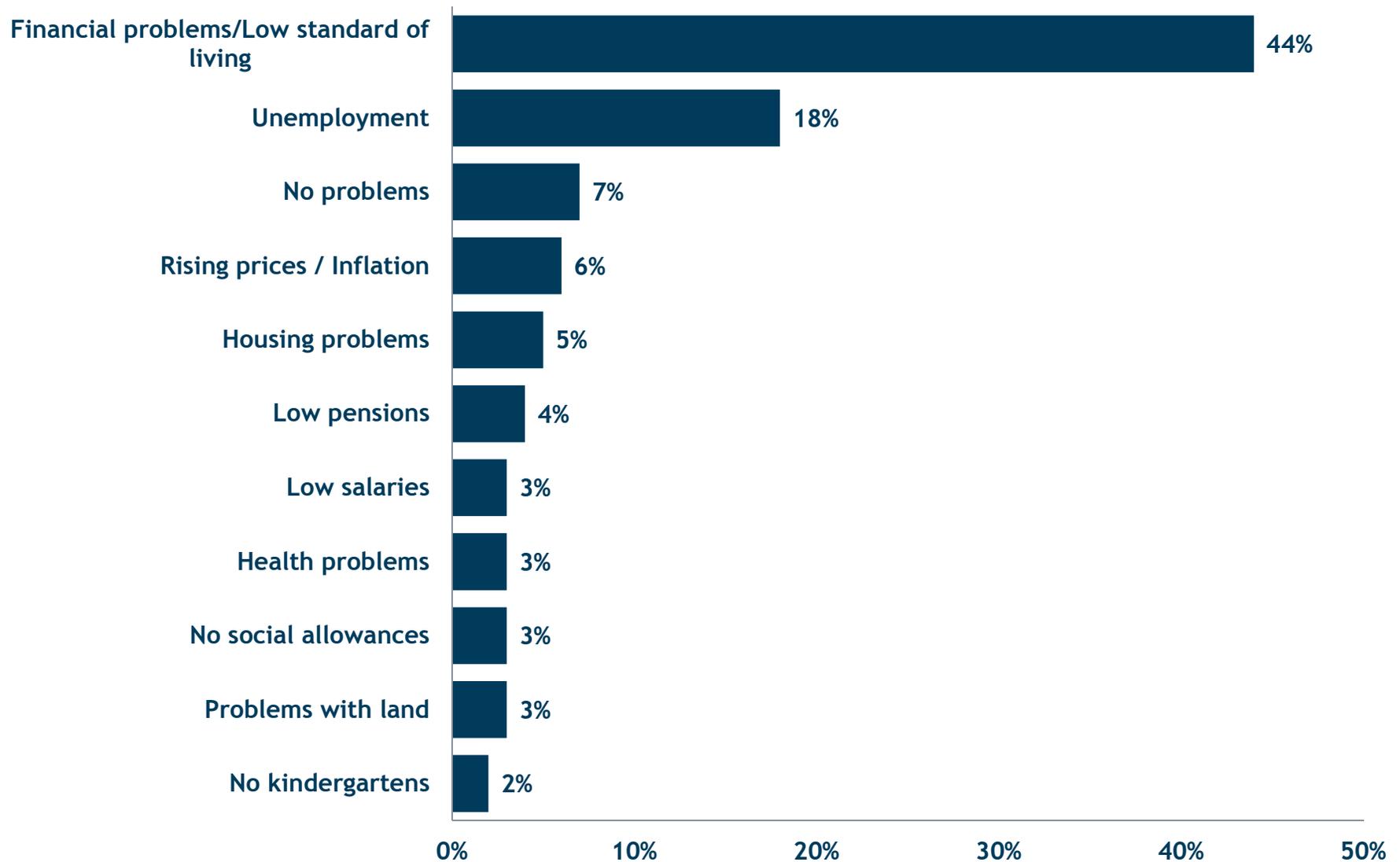
What are the most important problems your town/village is facing at the moment?

(Spontaneous, three mentions, problems mentioned by at least 2%)



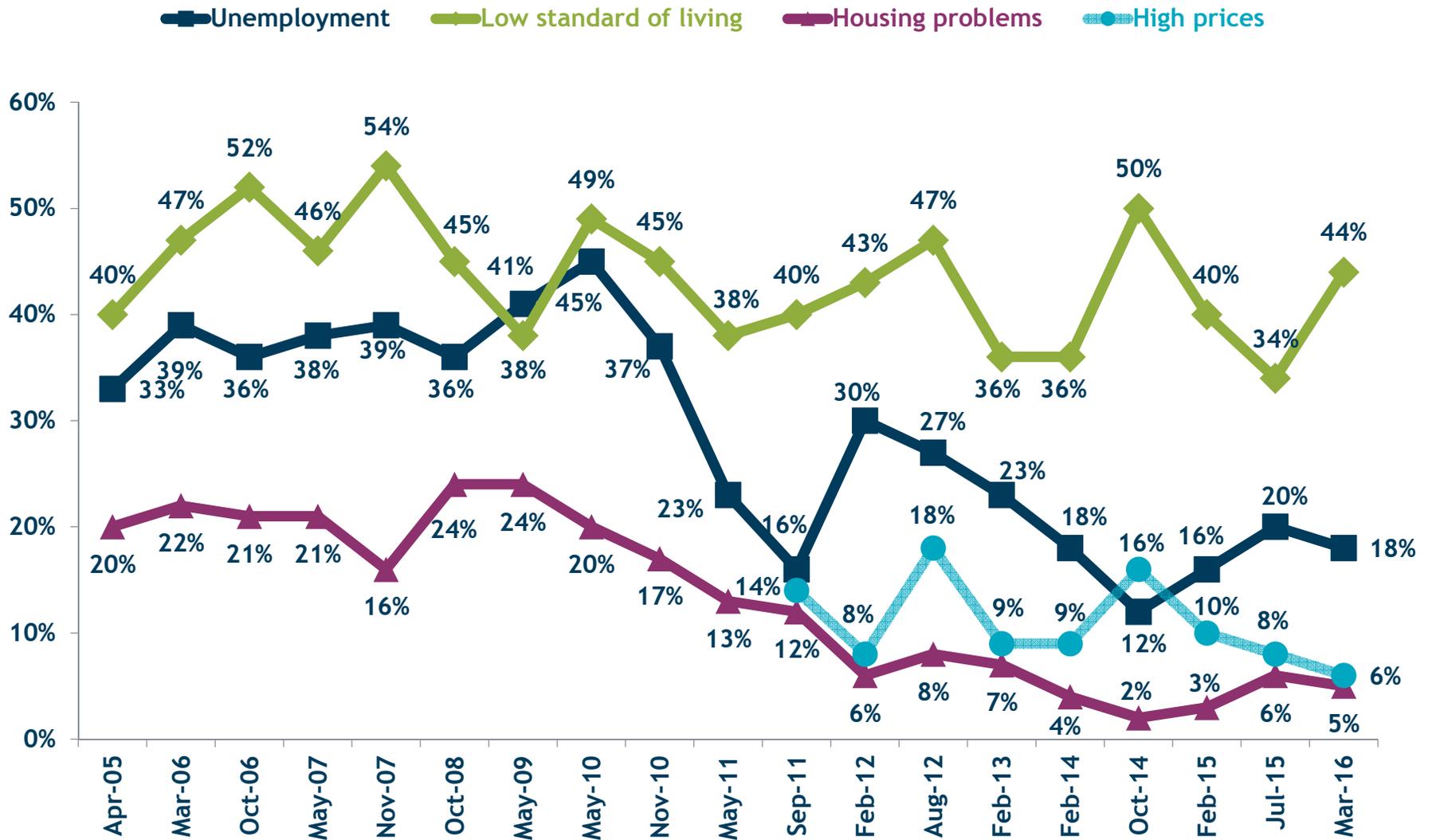
What are the most important problems facing you and your household?

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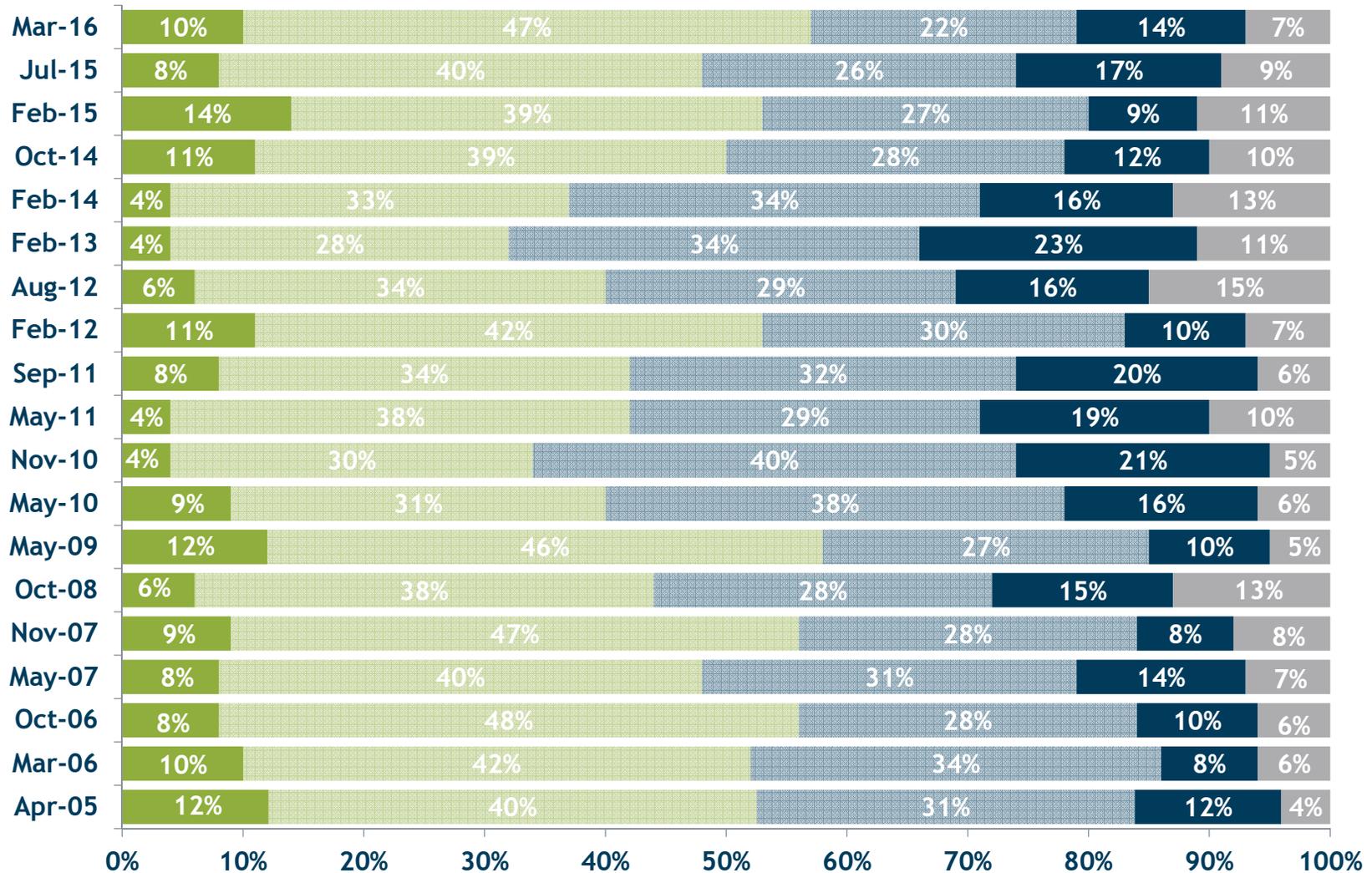
Most Important Issues Households are Facing

Three answers allowed

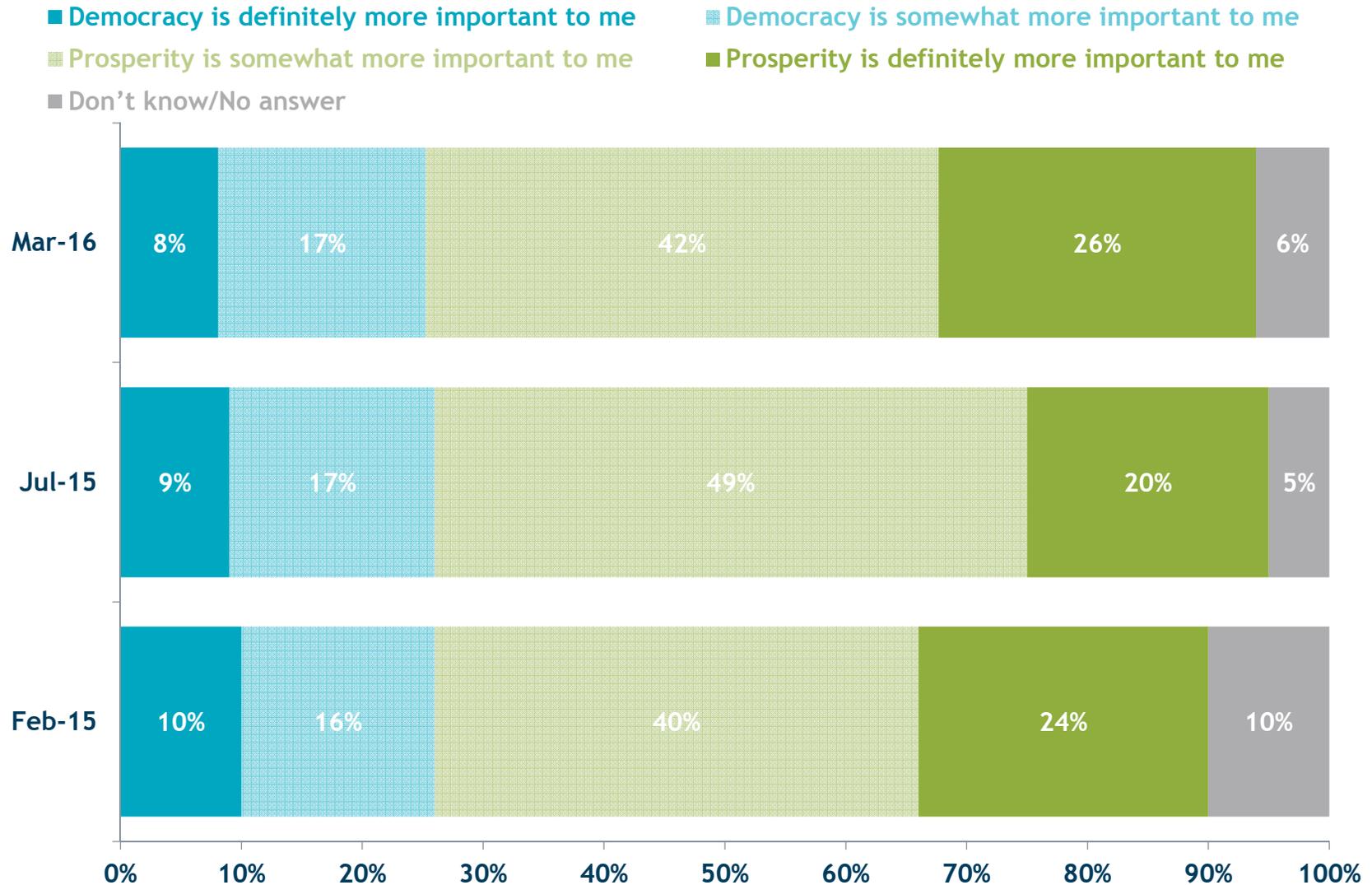


How satisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in Kyrgyzstan?

■ Very satisfied
 ■ Somewhat satisfied
 ■ Somewhat dissatisfied
 ■ Very dissatisfied
 ■ Don't know/No answer

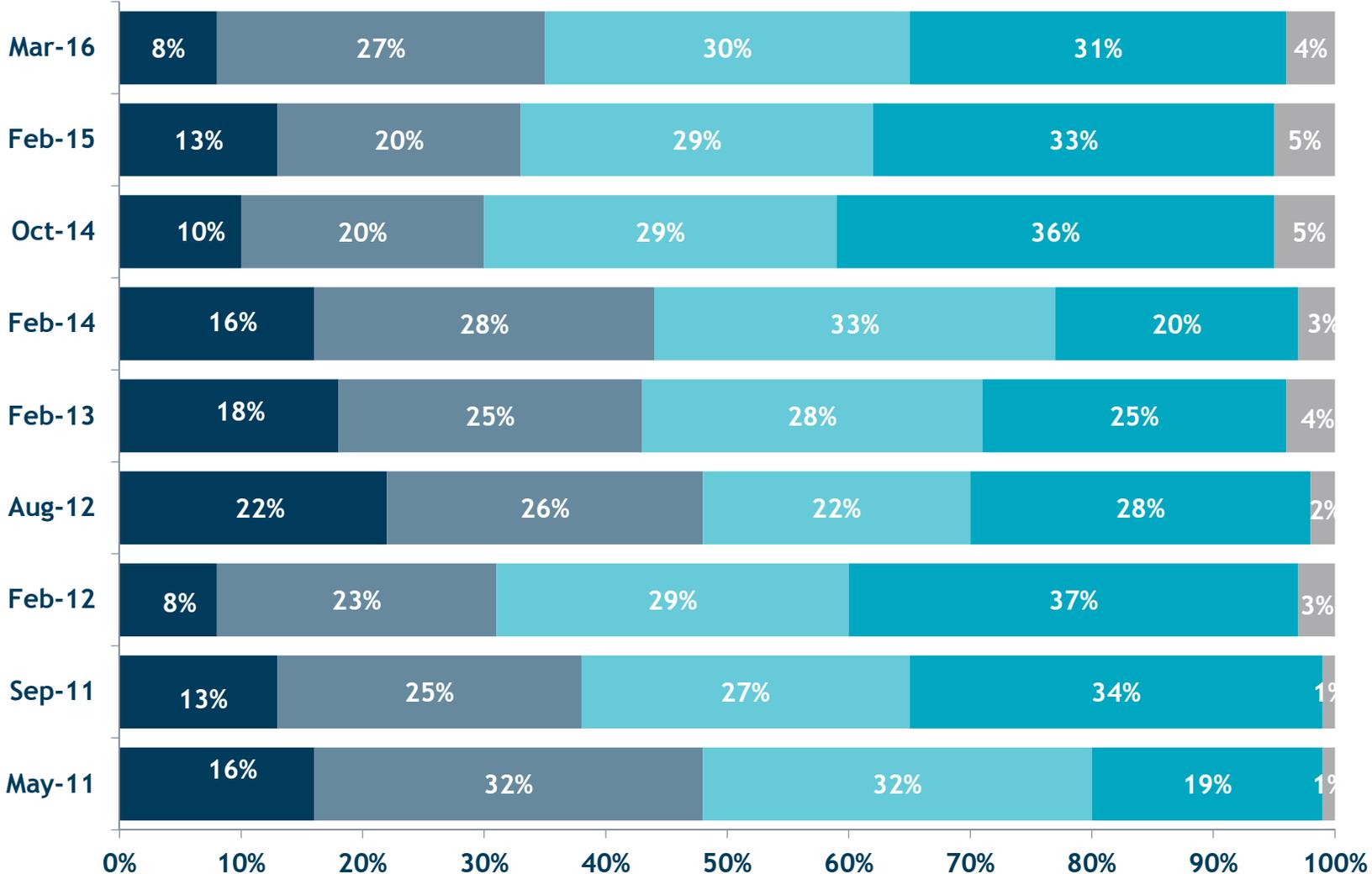


If you could only have one or the other, which is more important to you: a democratic system of government or a prosperous economy?

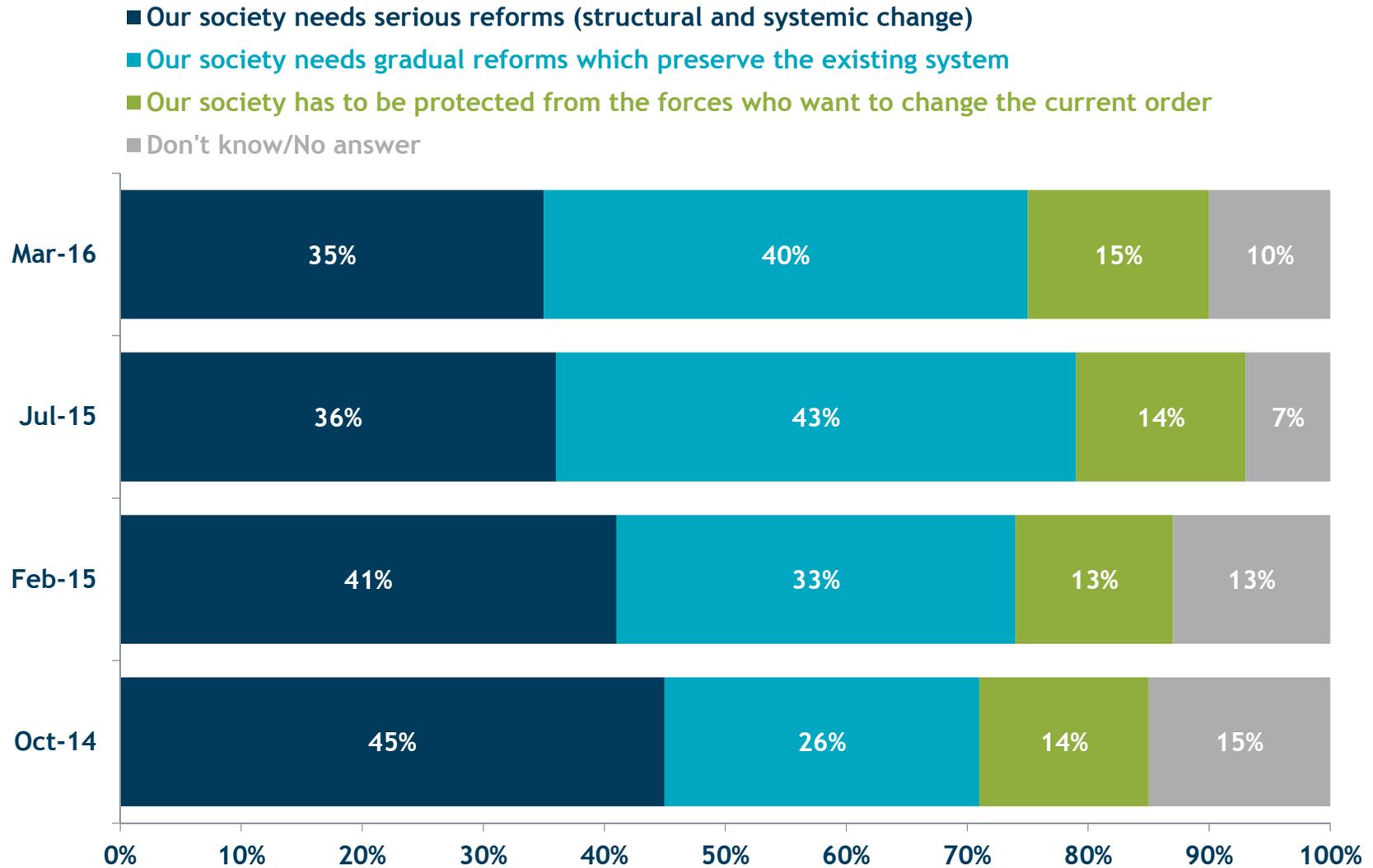


In your opinion, are people in Kyrgyzstan afraid to openly express their political views or not?

■ Majority are afraid
 ■ Many are afraid
 ■ Some are afraid
 ■ Nobody is afraid
 ■ Don't know/No answer



Which of these statements is closest to your own point of view?



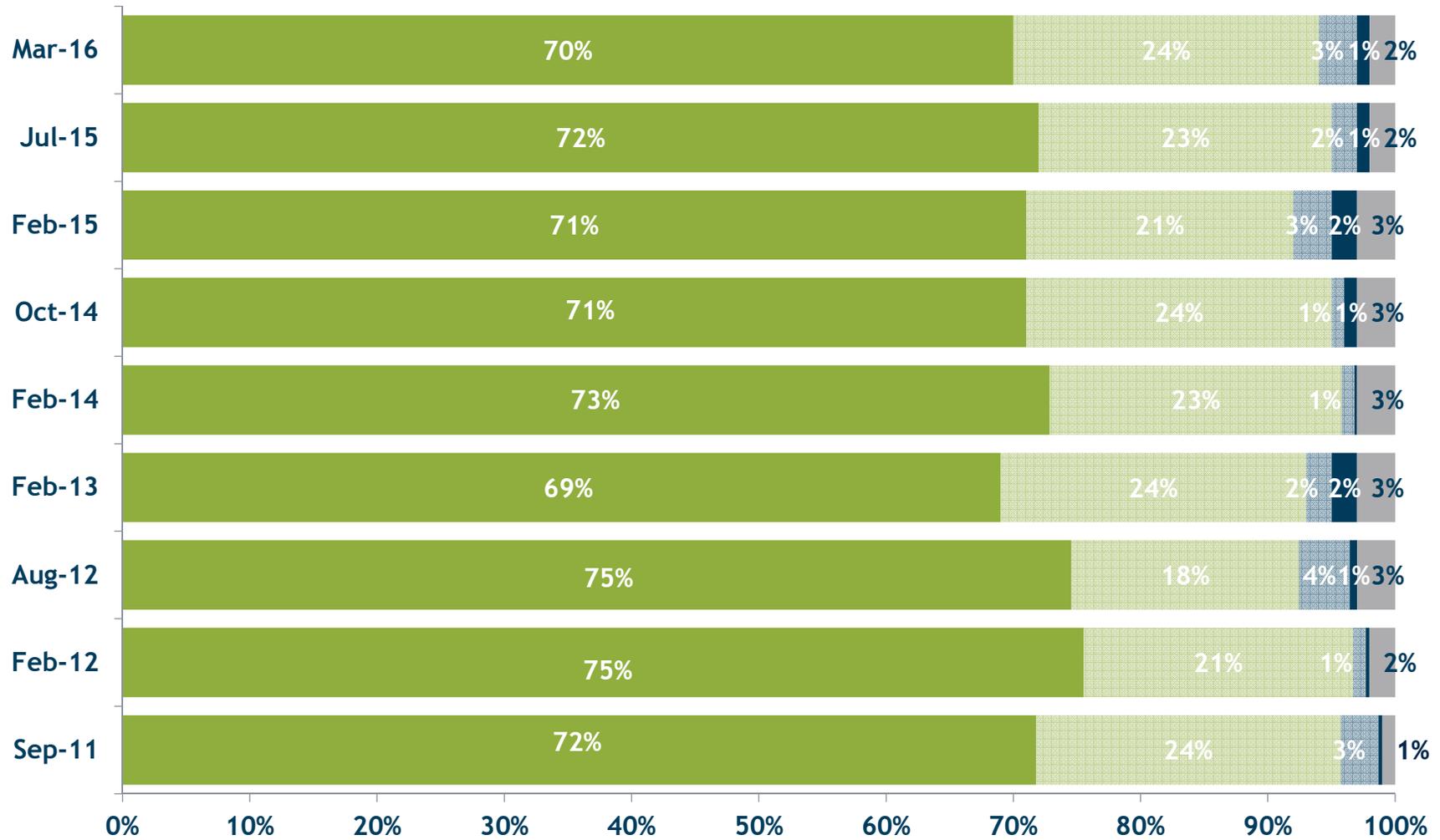


Corruption

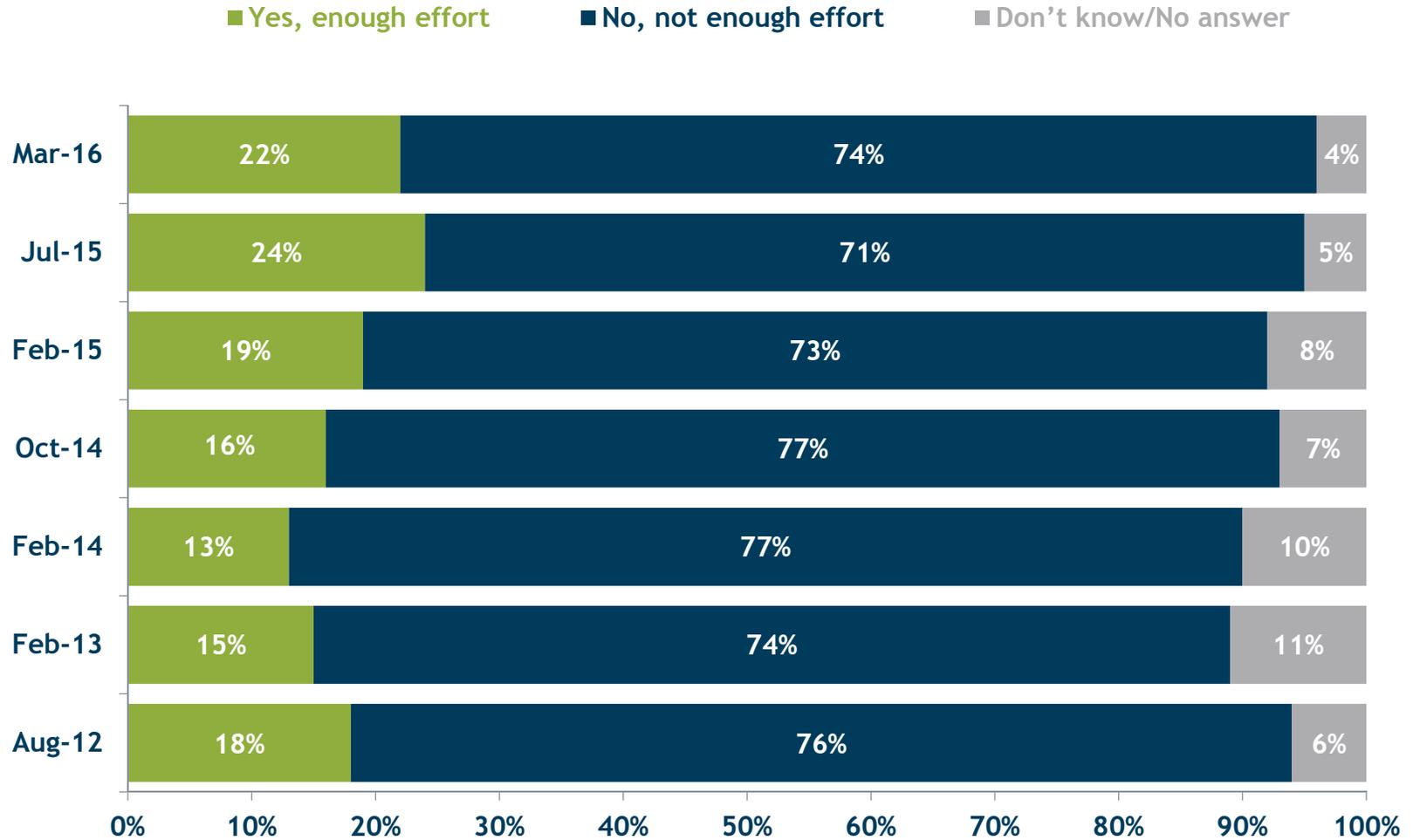
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Is corruption a big problem in Kyrgyzstan today?

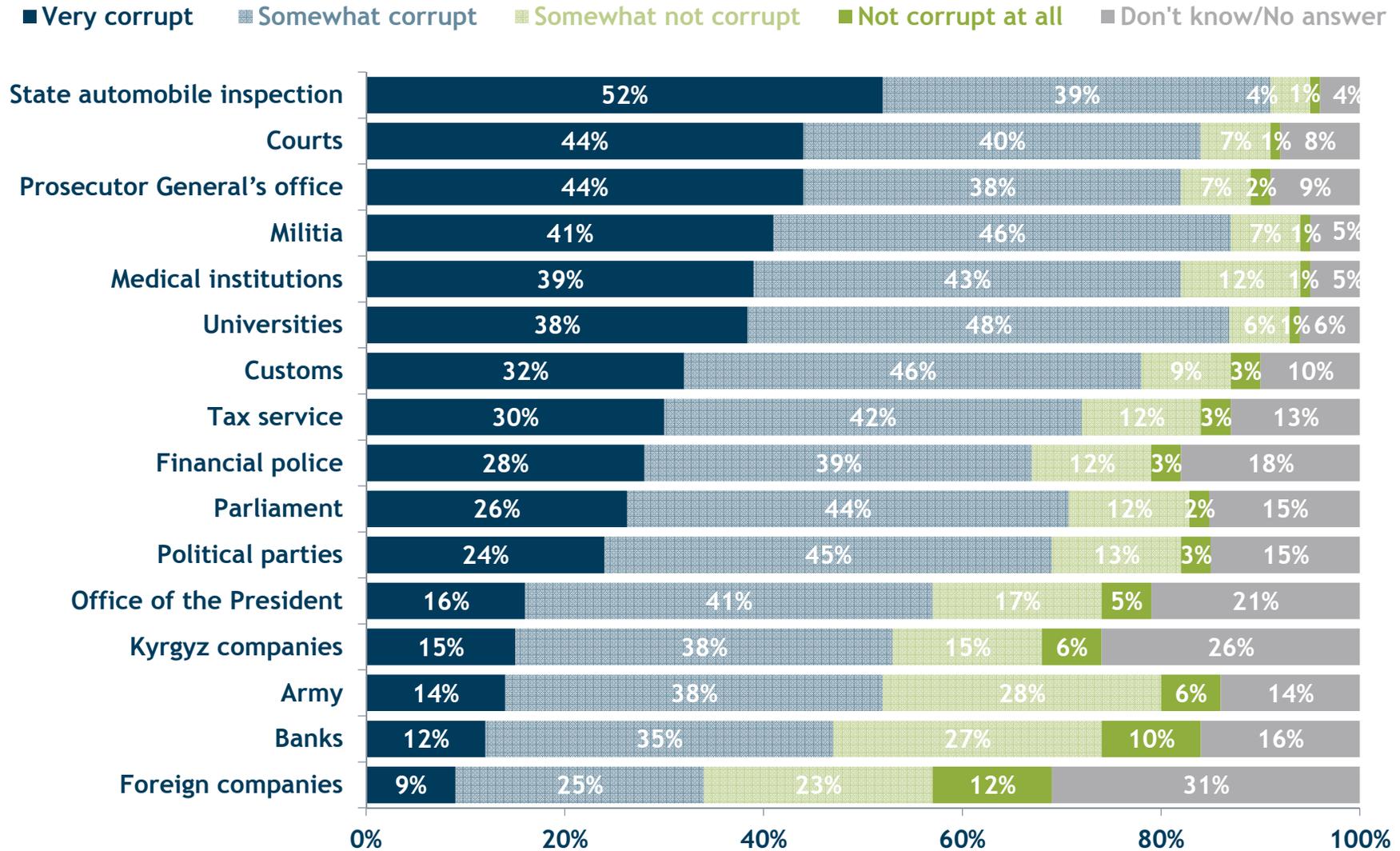
■ It is a very big issue
 ■ It is a big issue
 ■ It is not a big issue
 ■ It is not an issue at all
 ■ Don't know/No answer



Do you think the Kyrgyz Government applies enough effort to fight corruption?



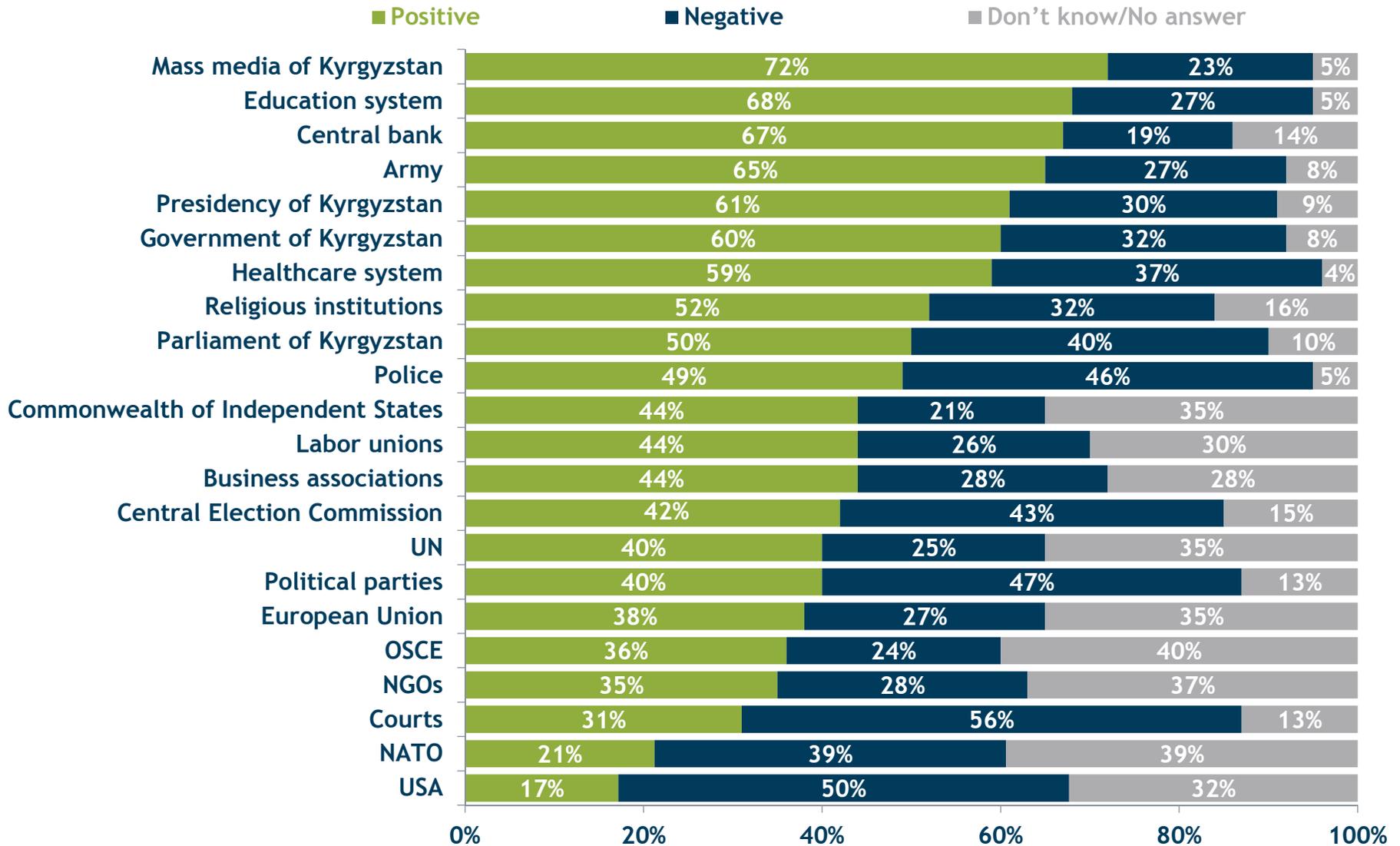
In your opinion, how corrupt are the following organizations?

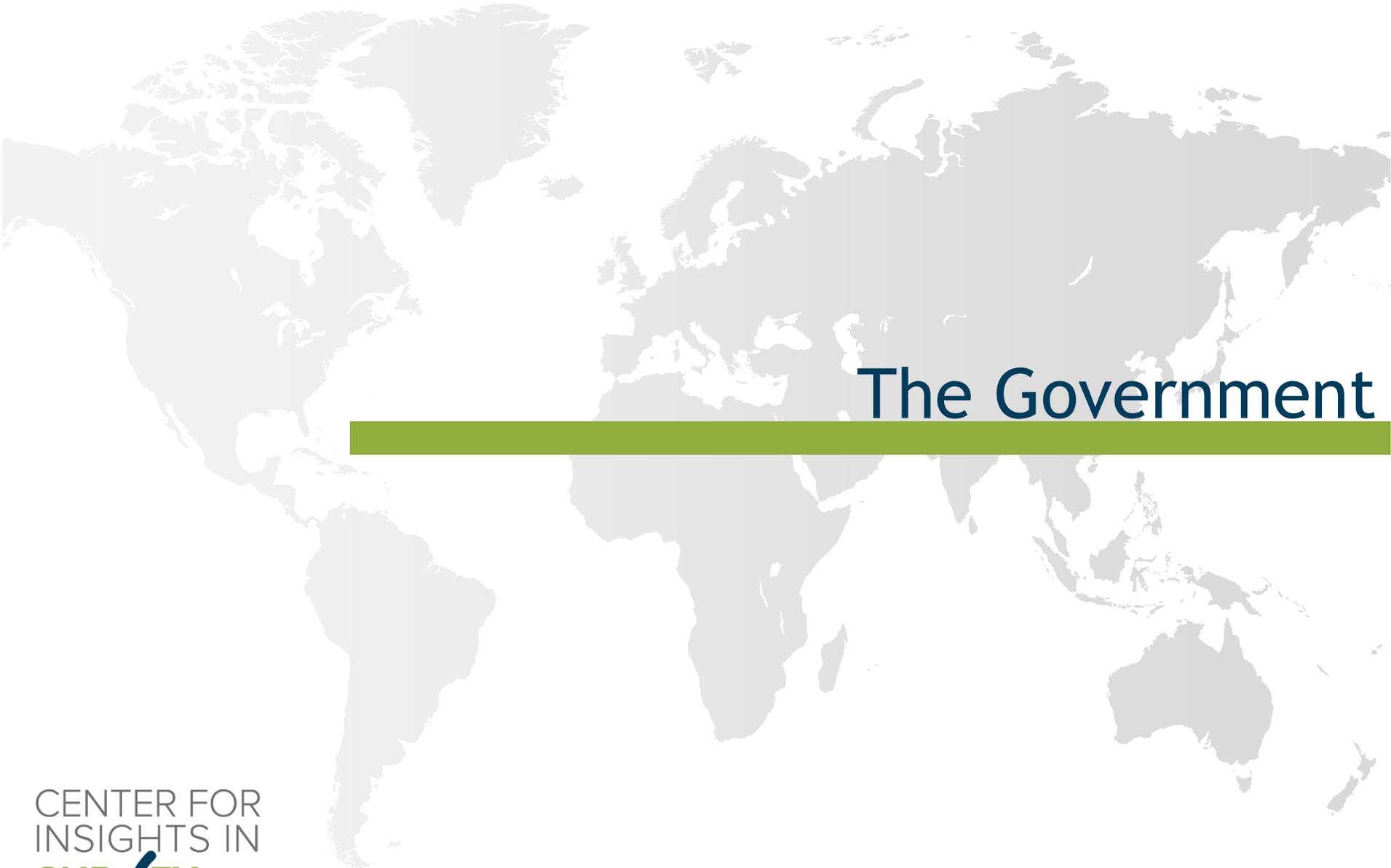




Institutions

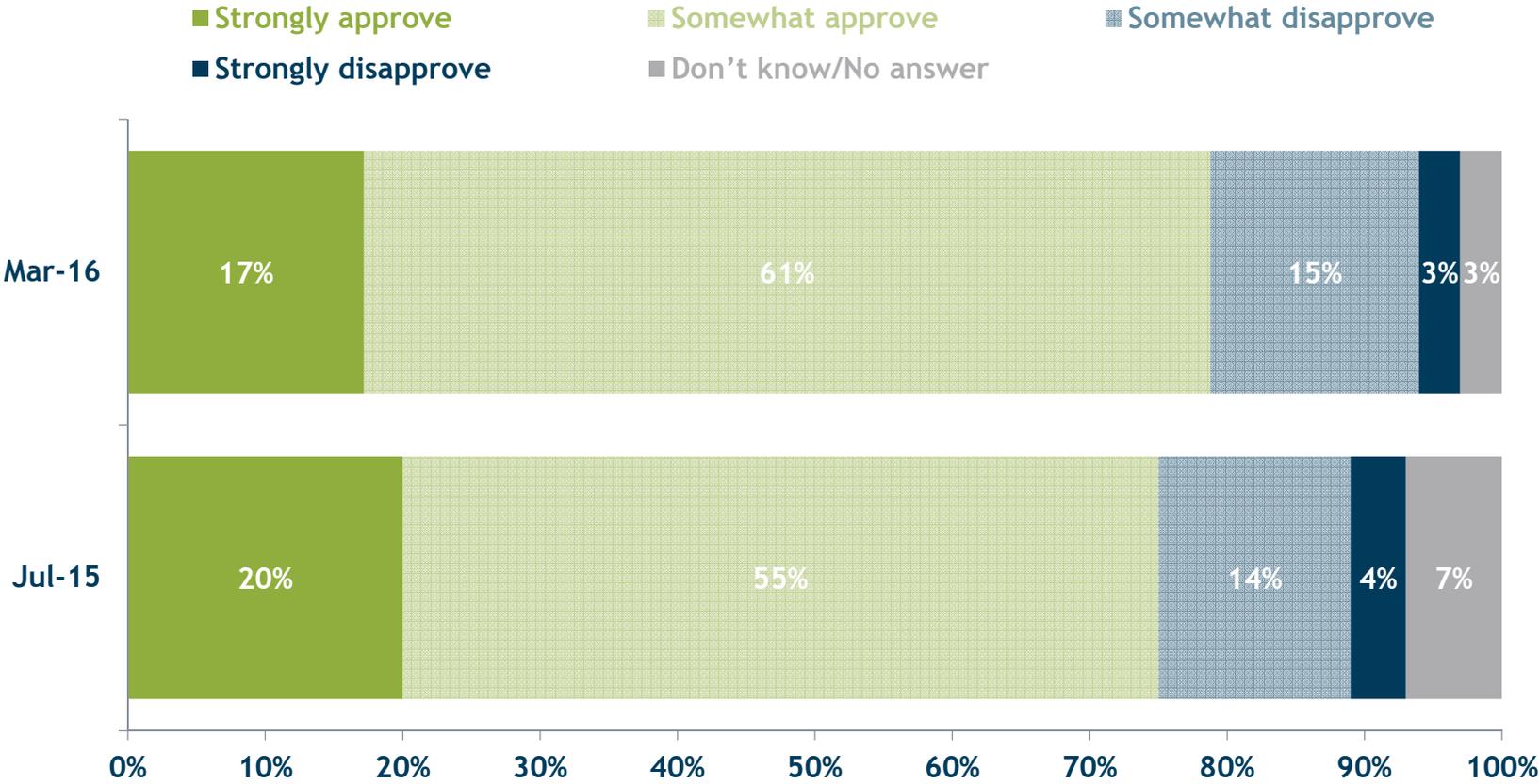
What is your opinion of each of the following Kyrgyz and international institutions?



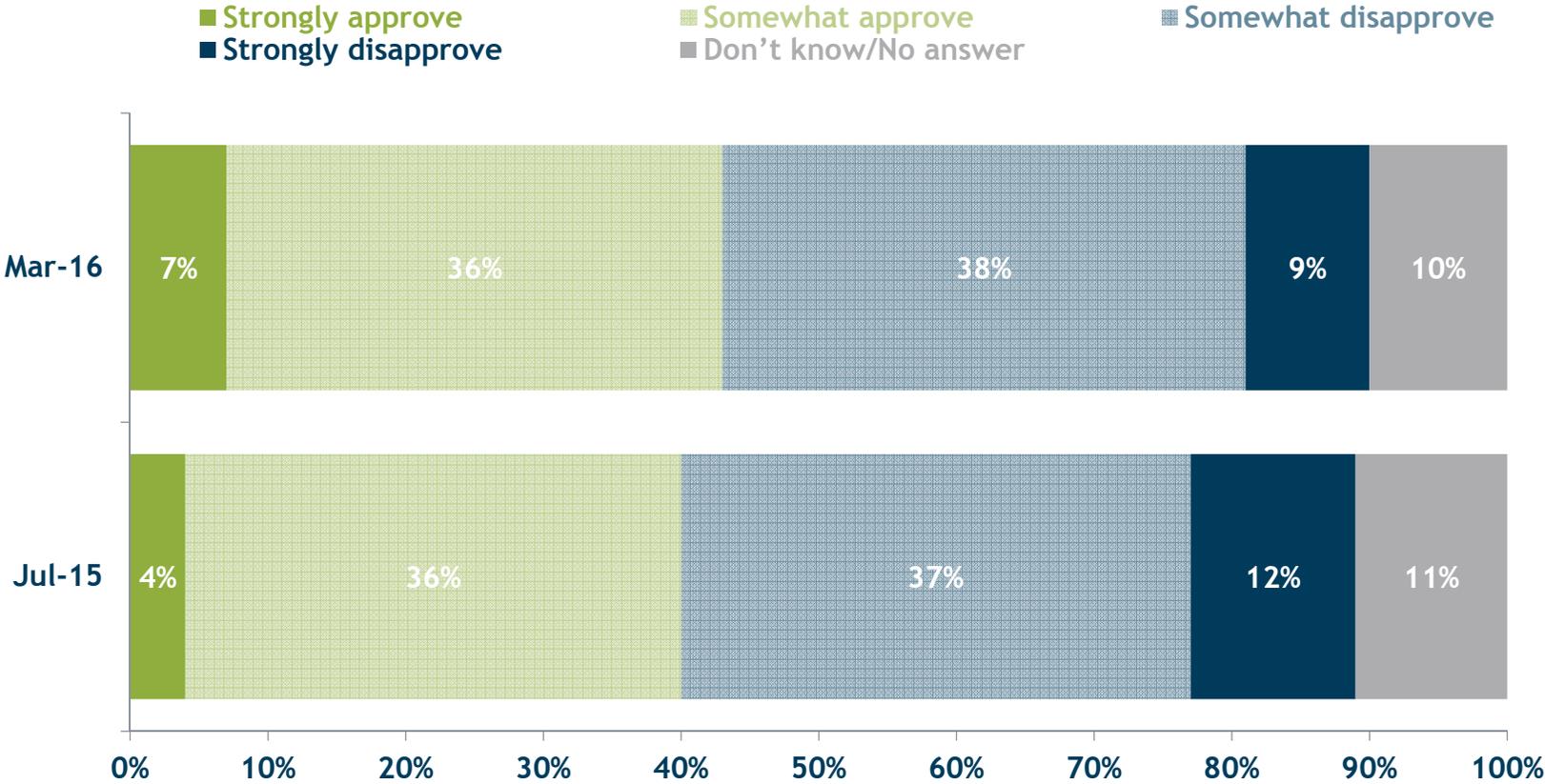


The Government

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the President is doing his job?

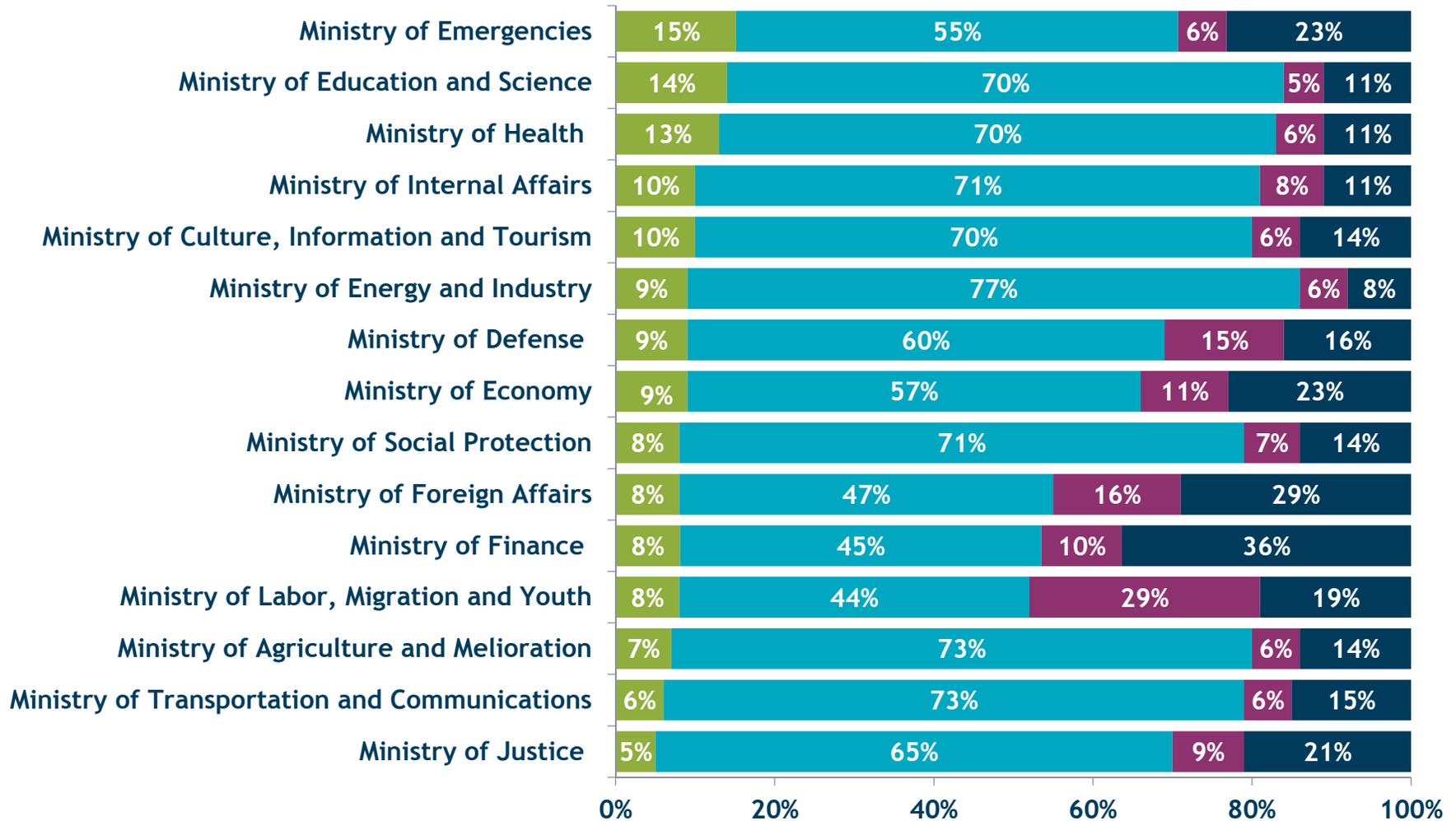


Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Parliament is doing its job?

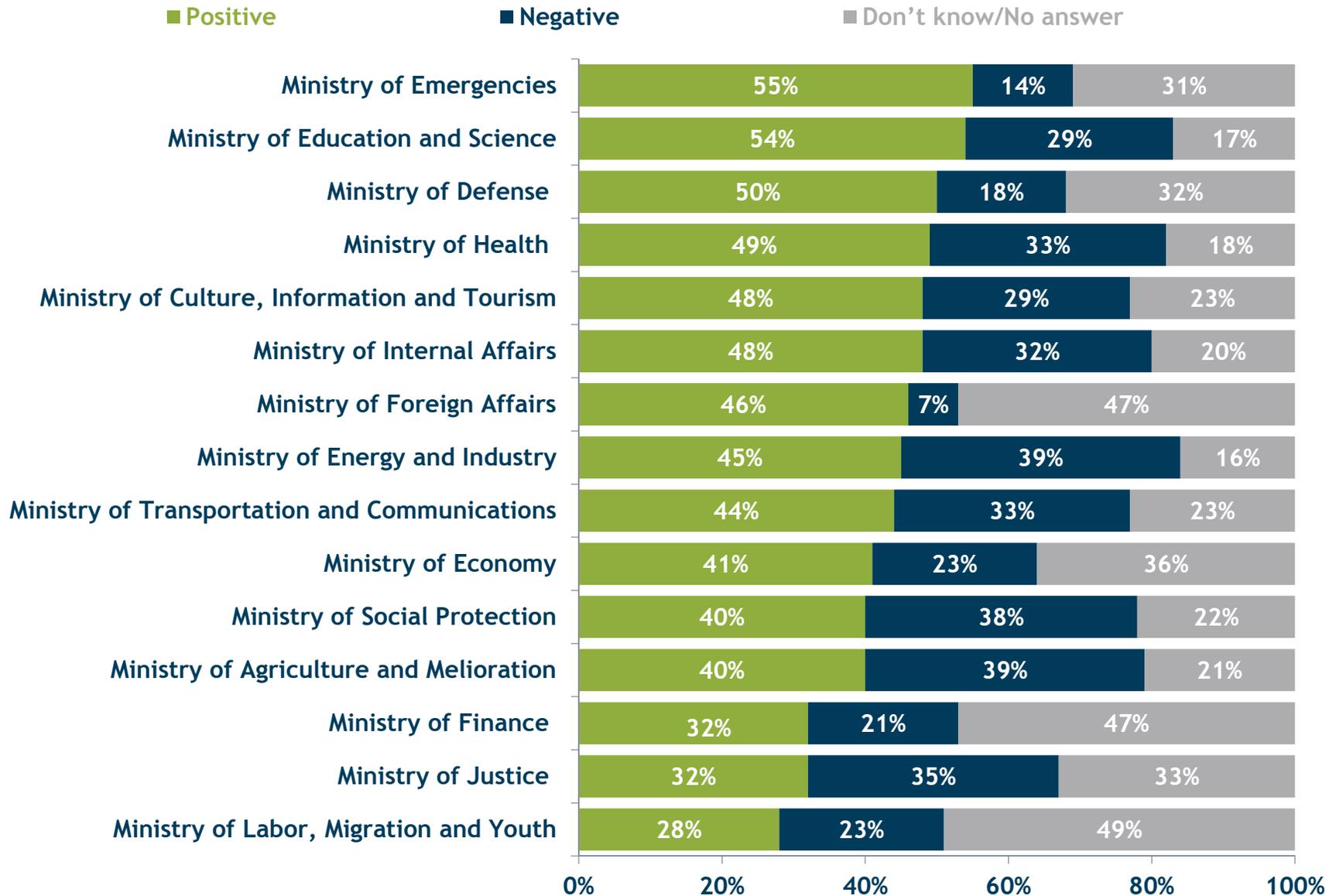


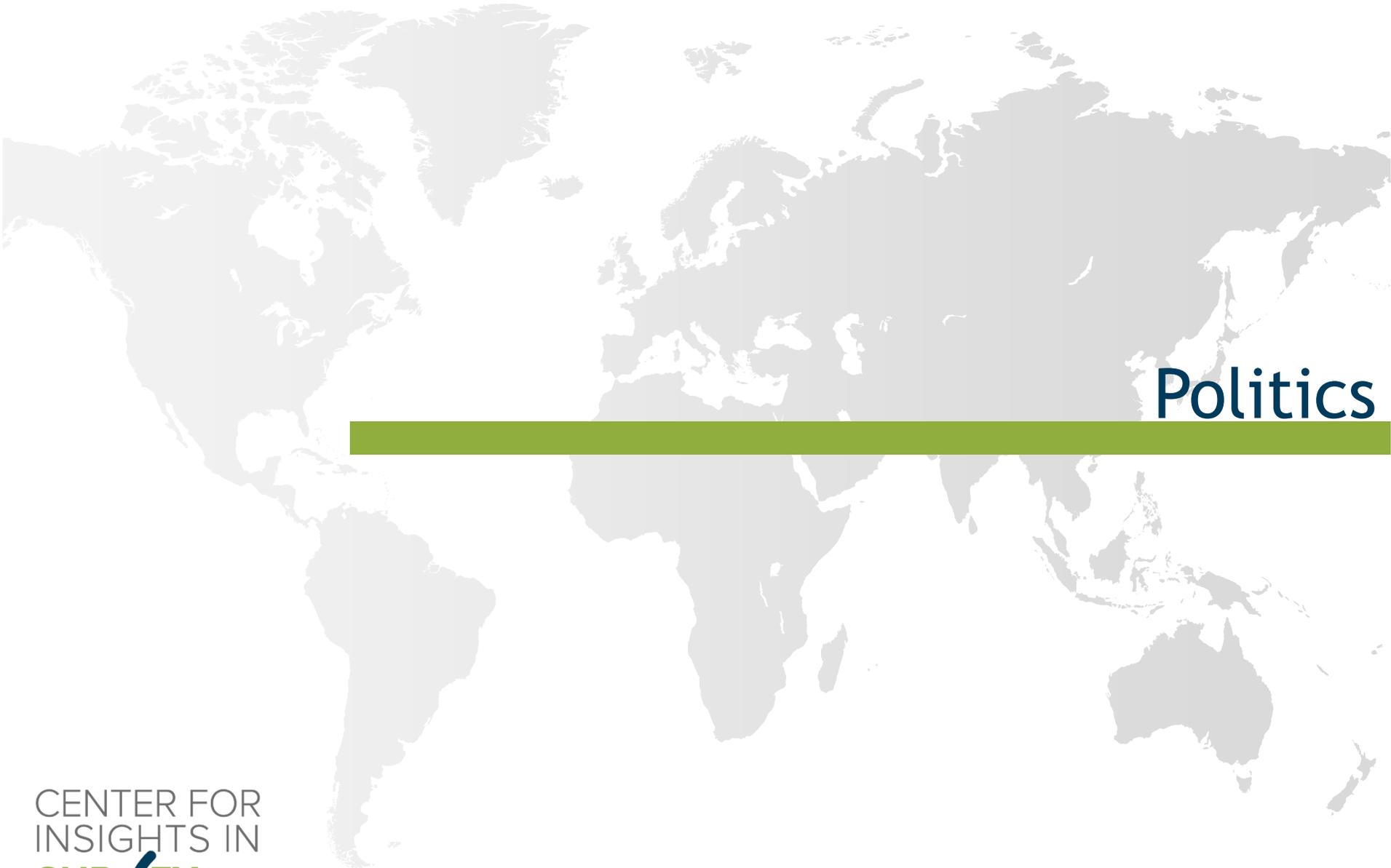
In the last three months, have you heard anything about the activities of the following ministries?

- Have heard a lot
- Have heard something
- Have heard of, but don't know about its activities
- Have heard nothing about it



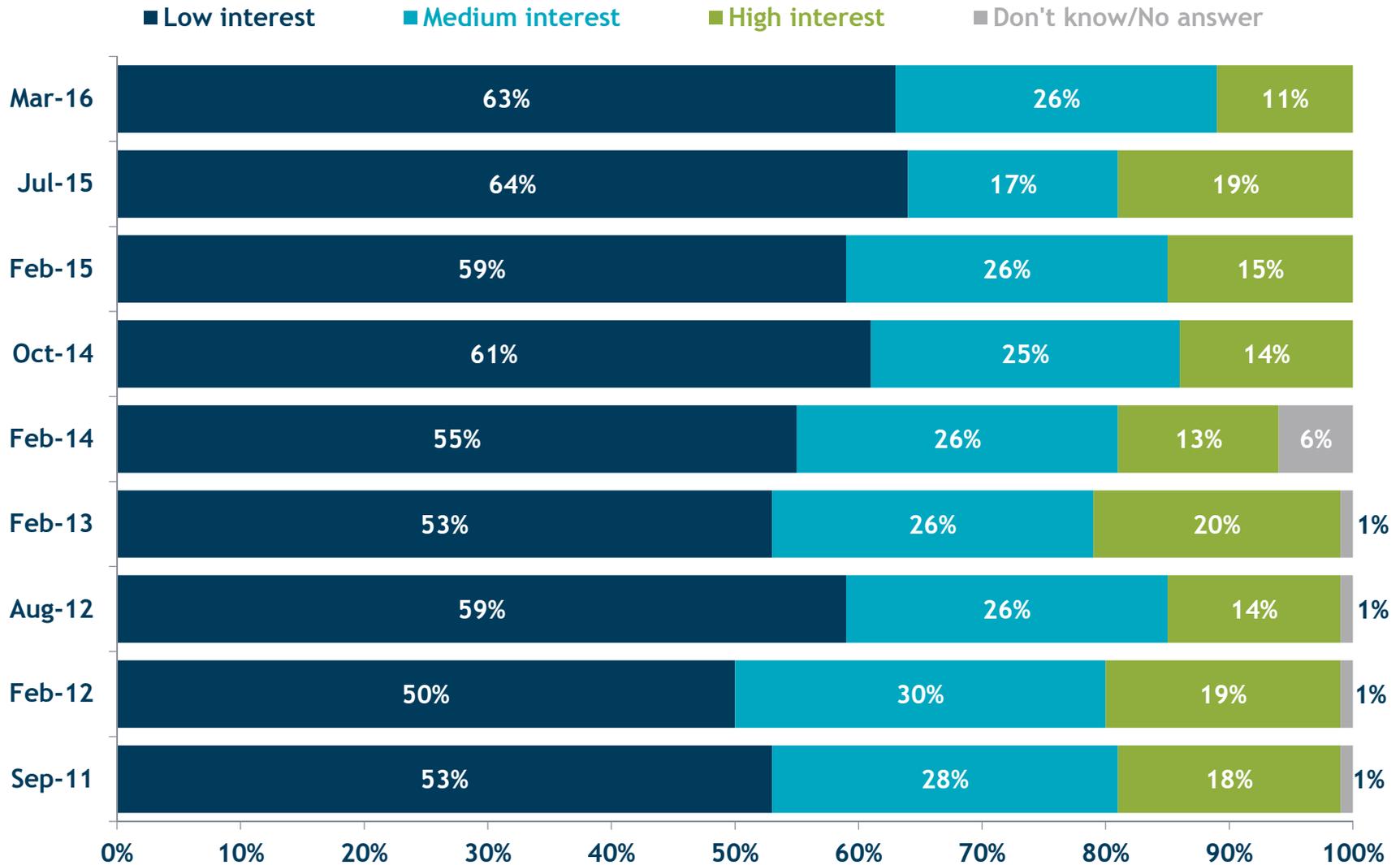
What is your opinion about the activity of each of these ministries?



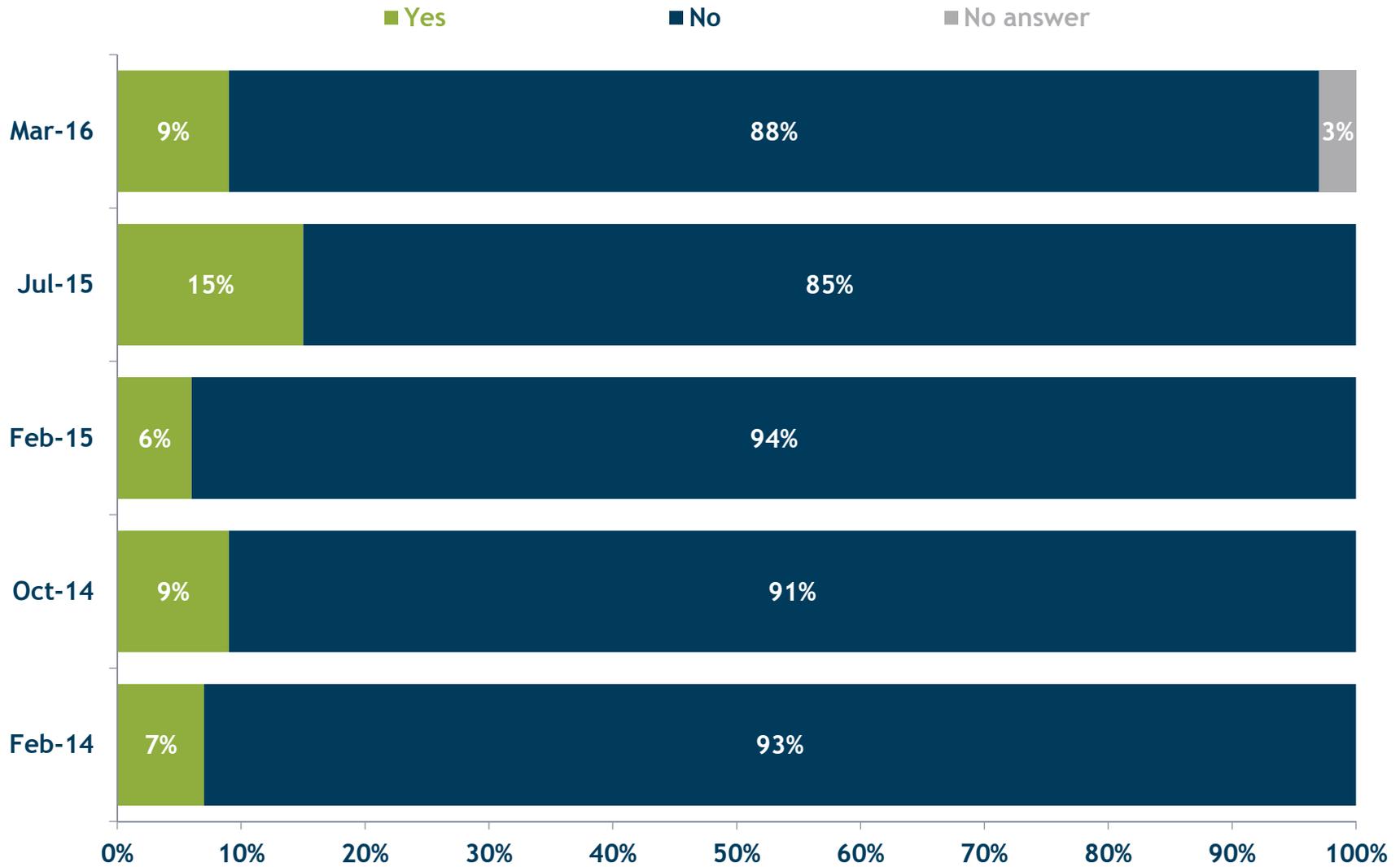


Politics

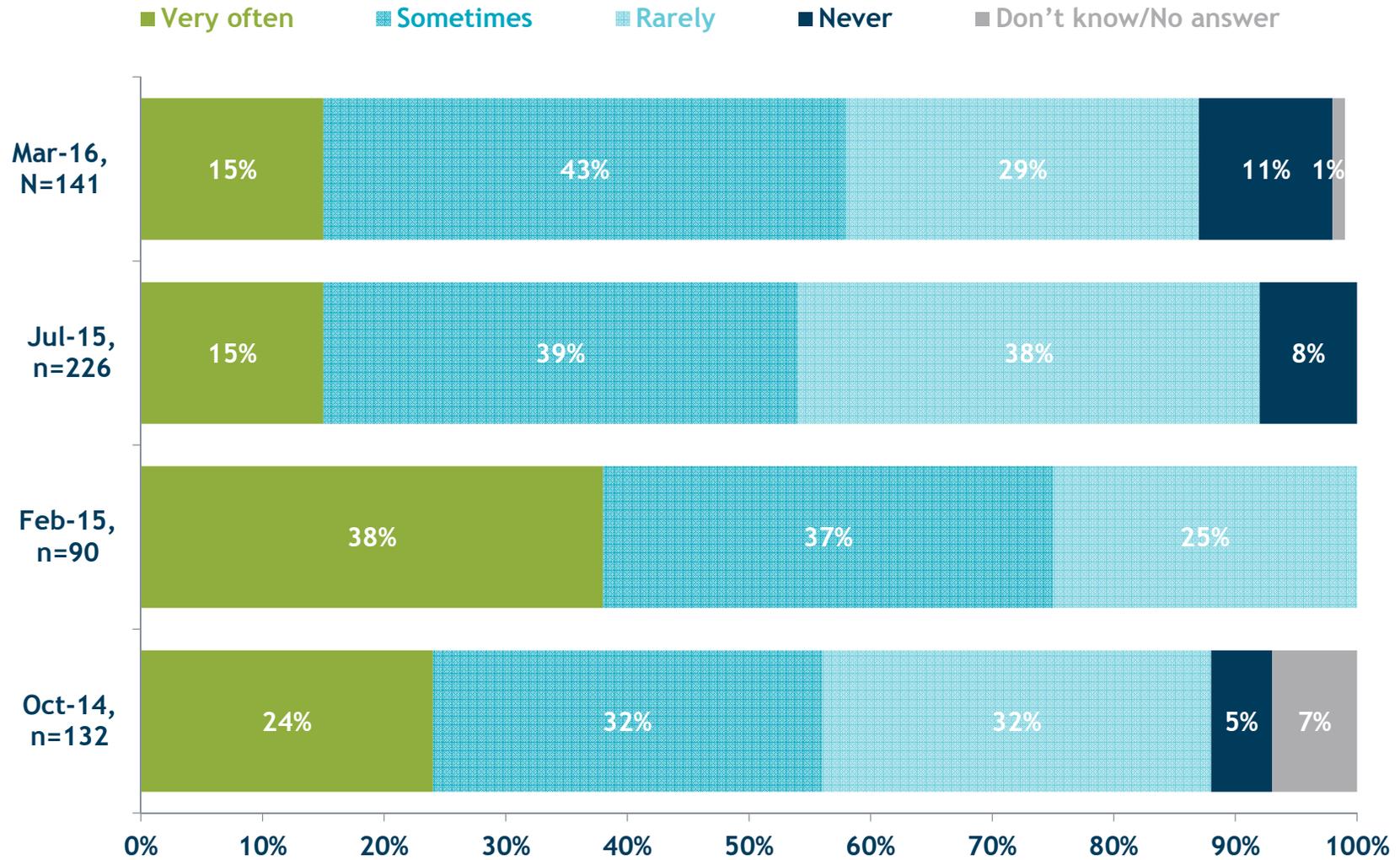
How much interest do you have in politics?



Are you a member of a political party?

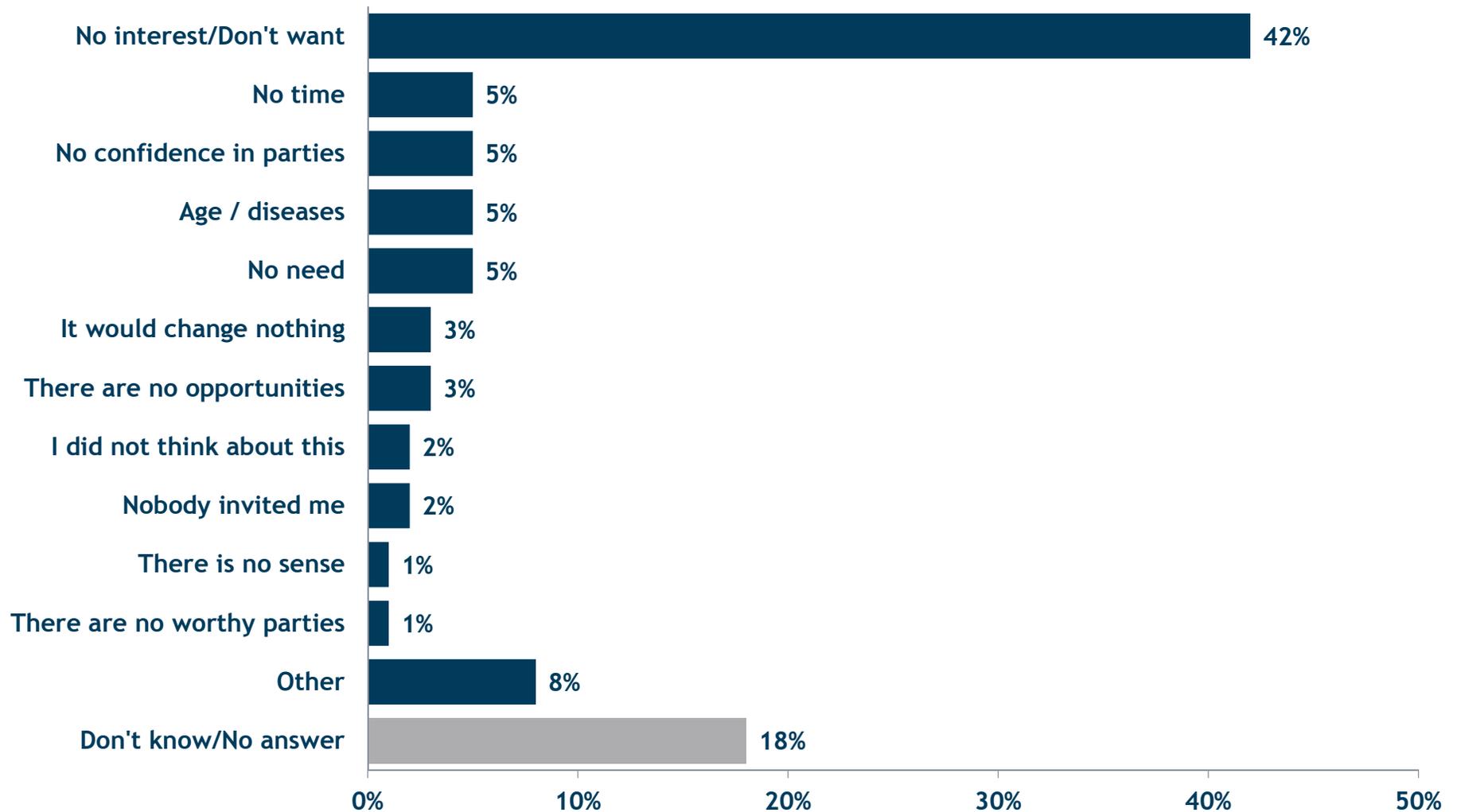


How often do you participate in political party activities? Members of political parties

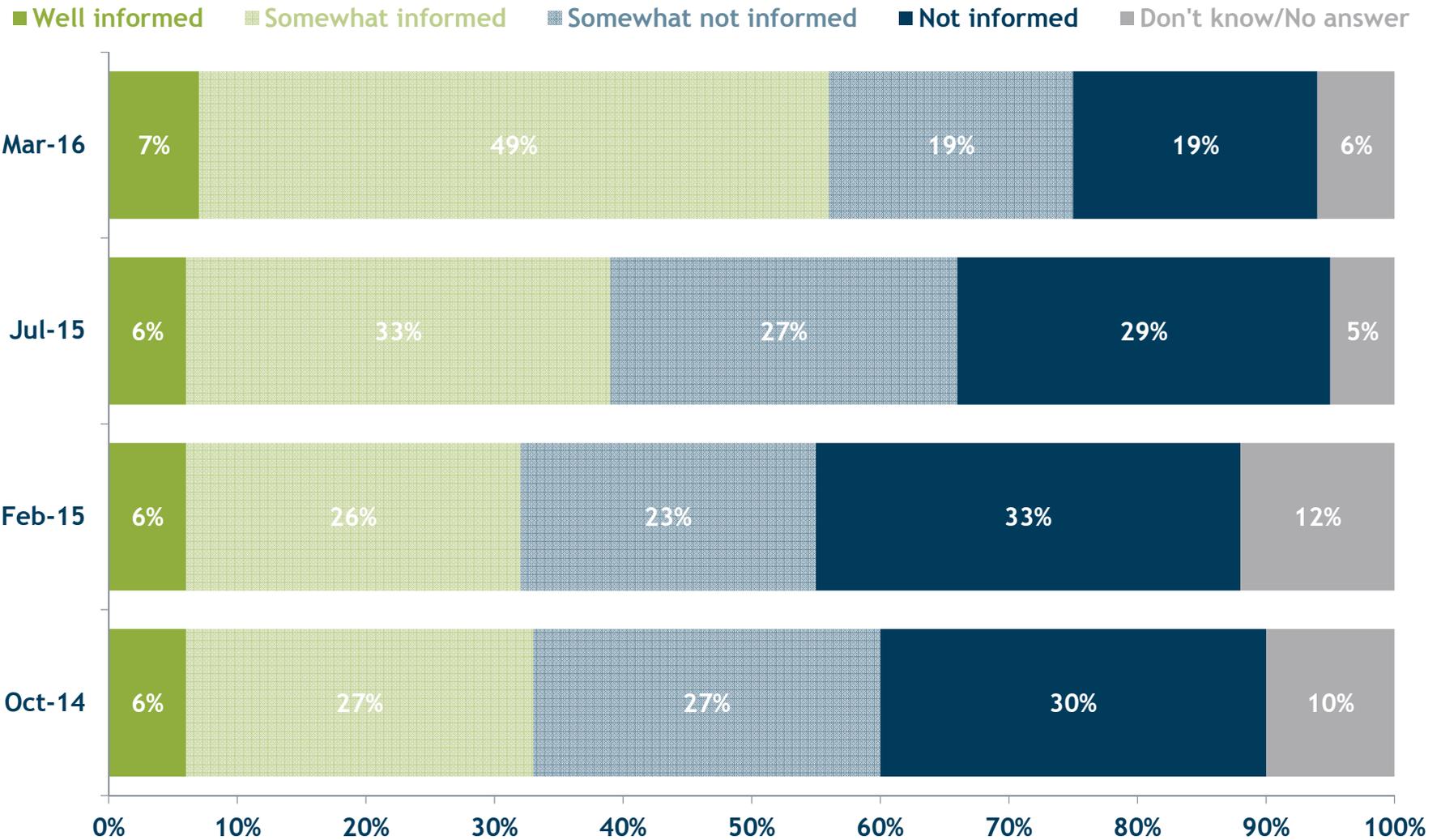


Why are you not a member of a political party?

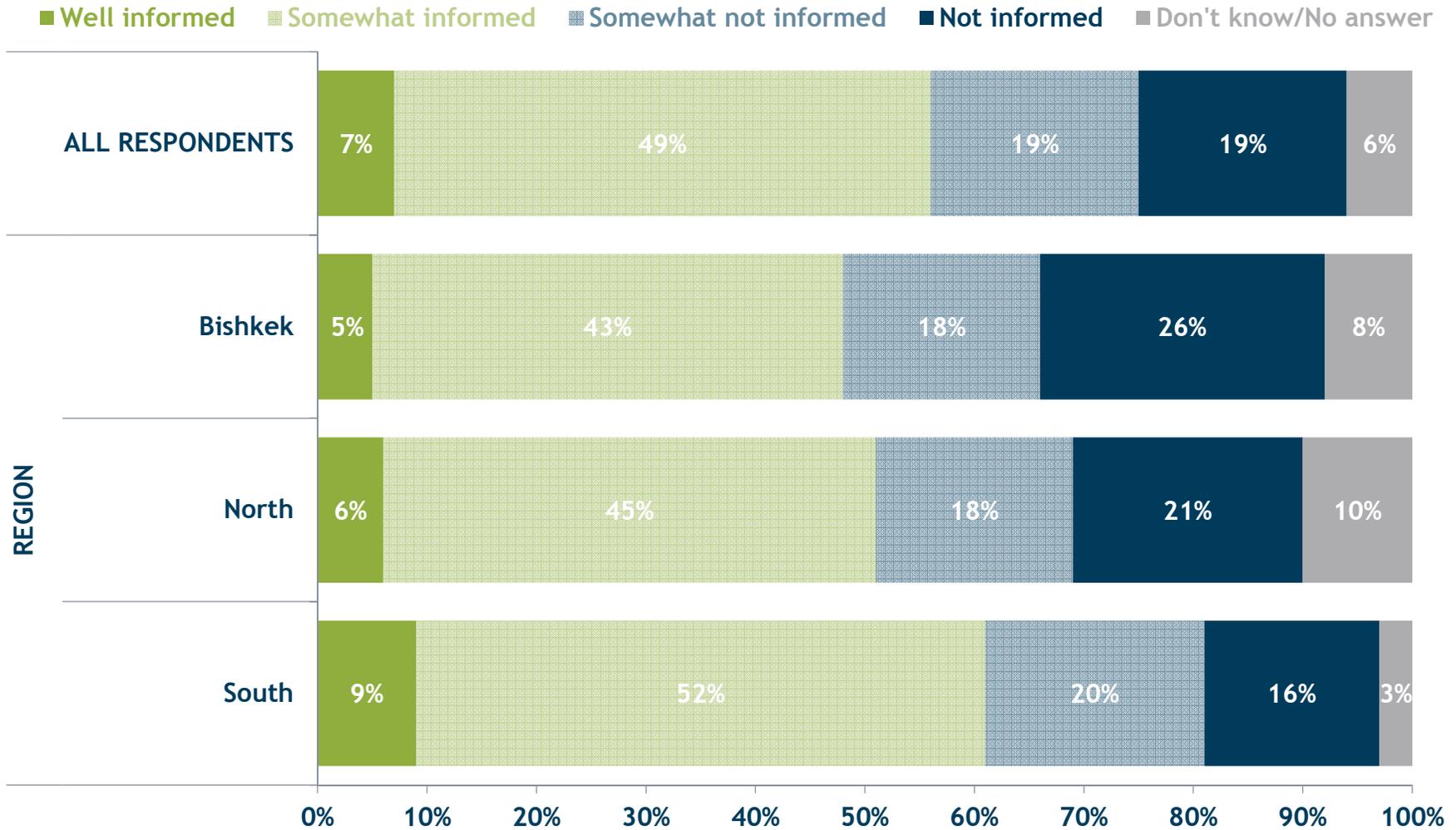
Respondents who are not members of political parties, n=1,314



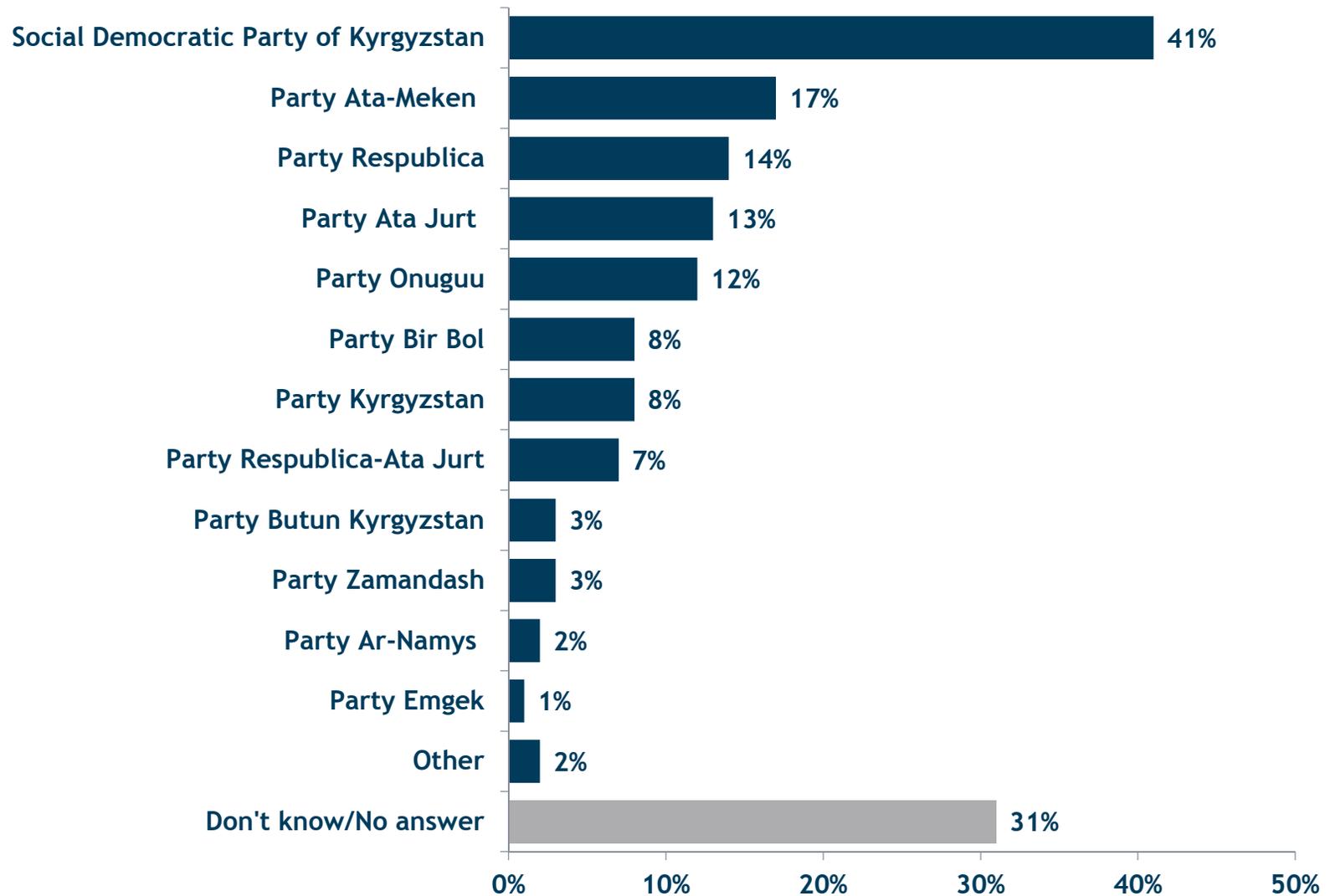
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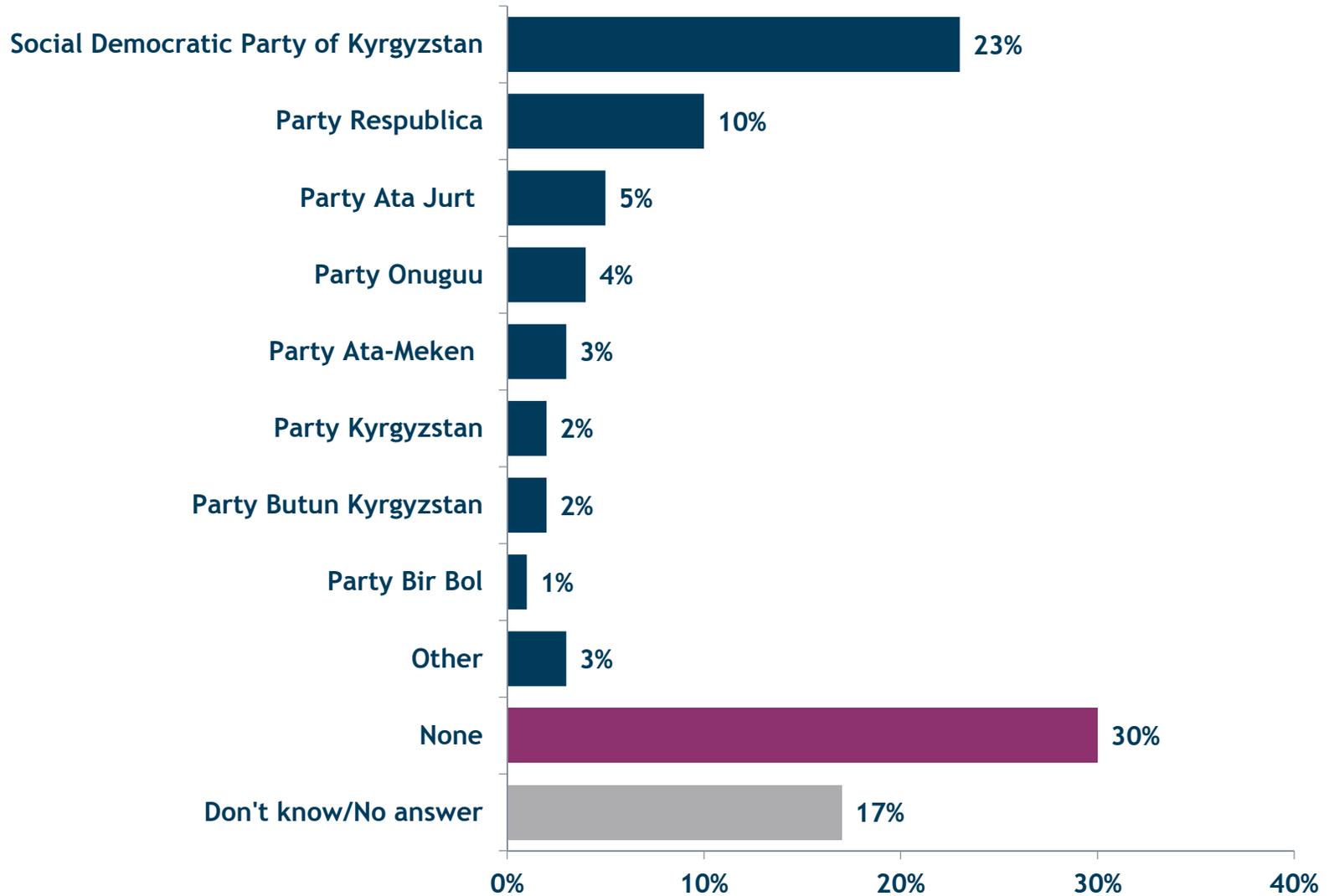
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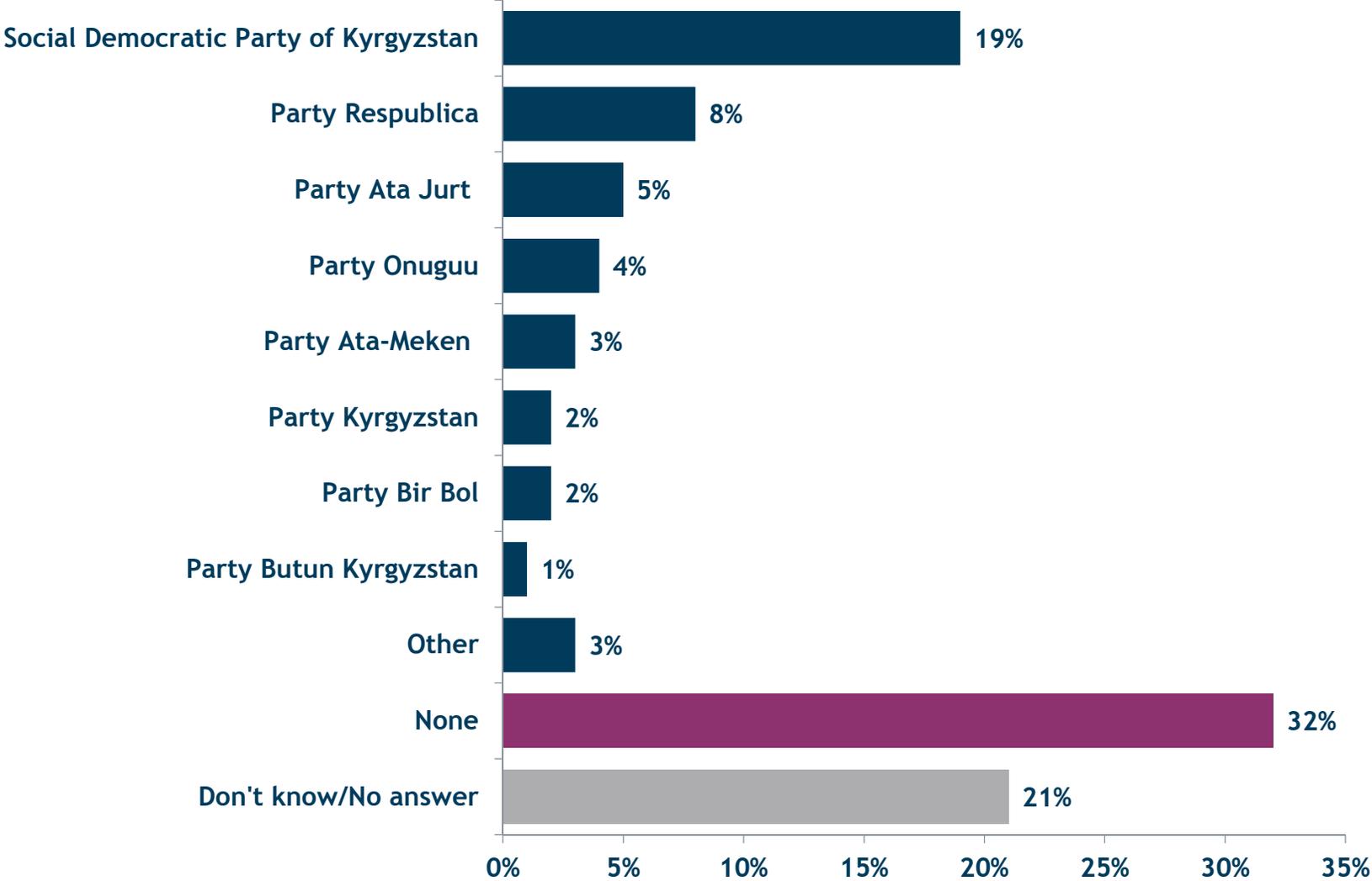
Please name all the political parties you are familiar with in your region (Spontaneous)



Which political party can most successfully solve the economic problems Kyrgyzstan is facing?

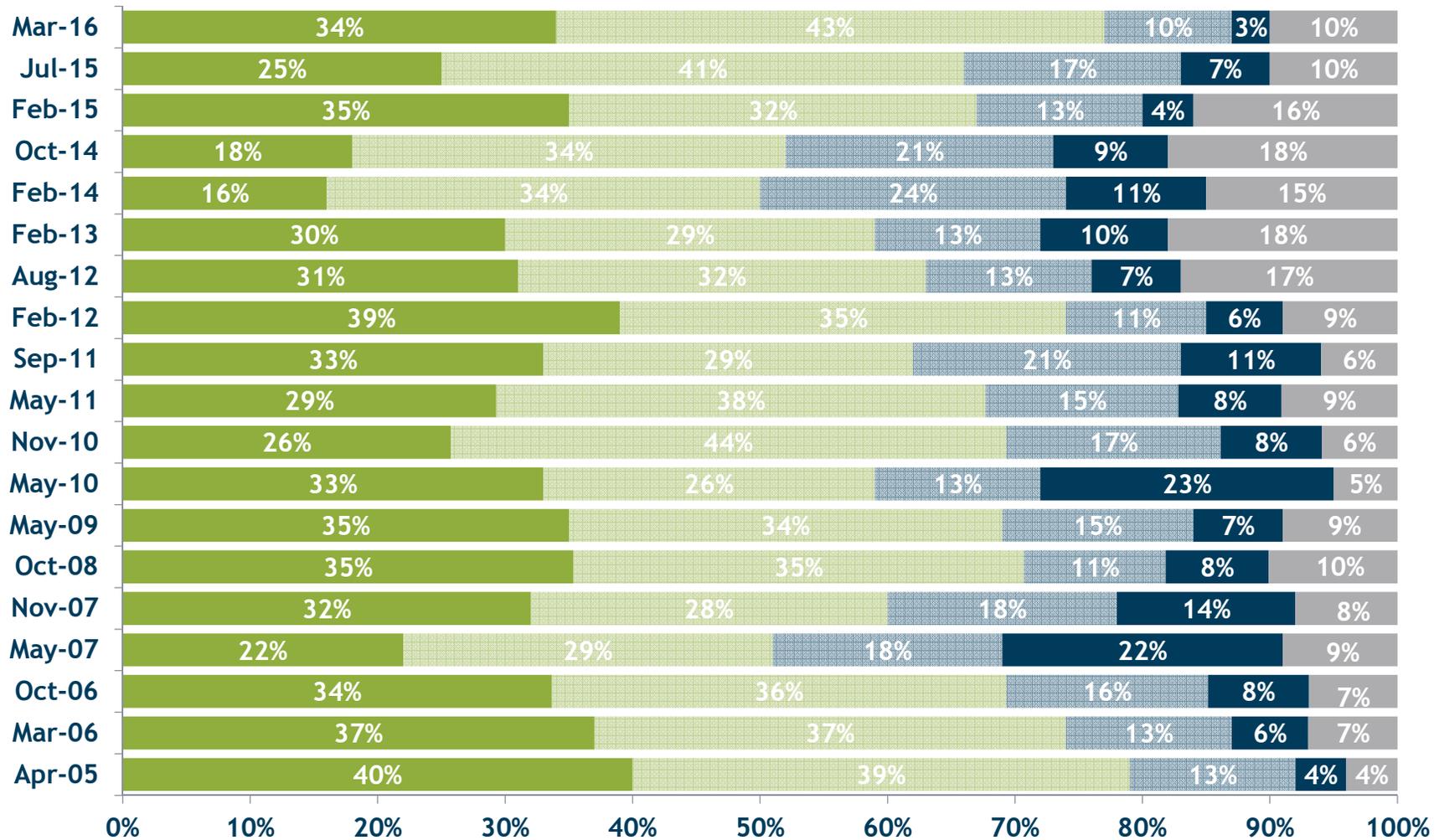


Which political party can most successfully solve the political and cultural conflicts Kyrgyzstan is facing?



Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "It is healthy for Kyrgyzstan to have an active opposition."

■ Fully agree
 ■ Somewhat agree
 ■ Somewhat disagree
 ■ Fully disagree
 ■ Don't know/No answer

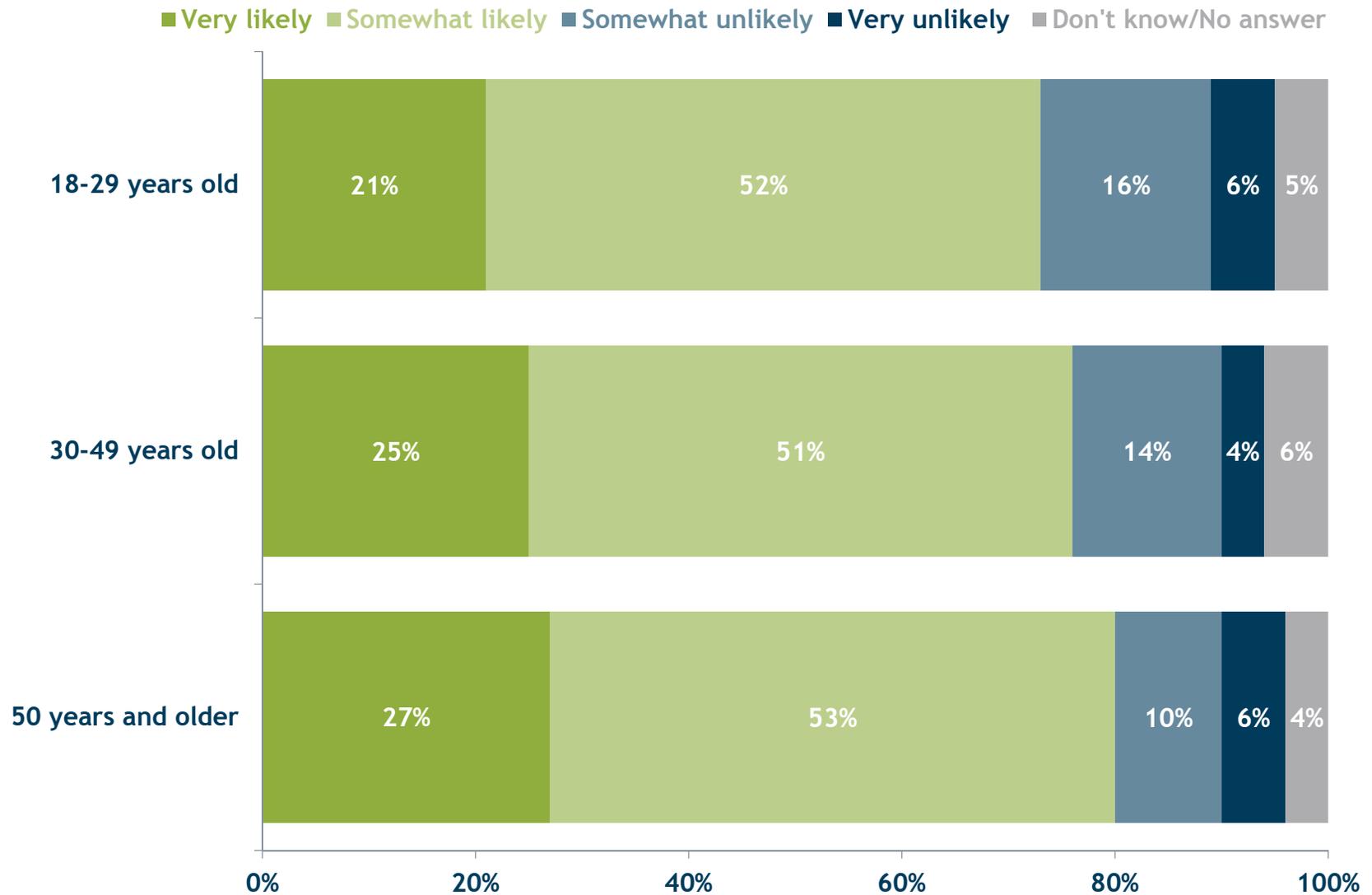




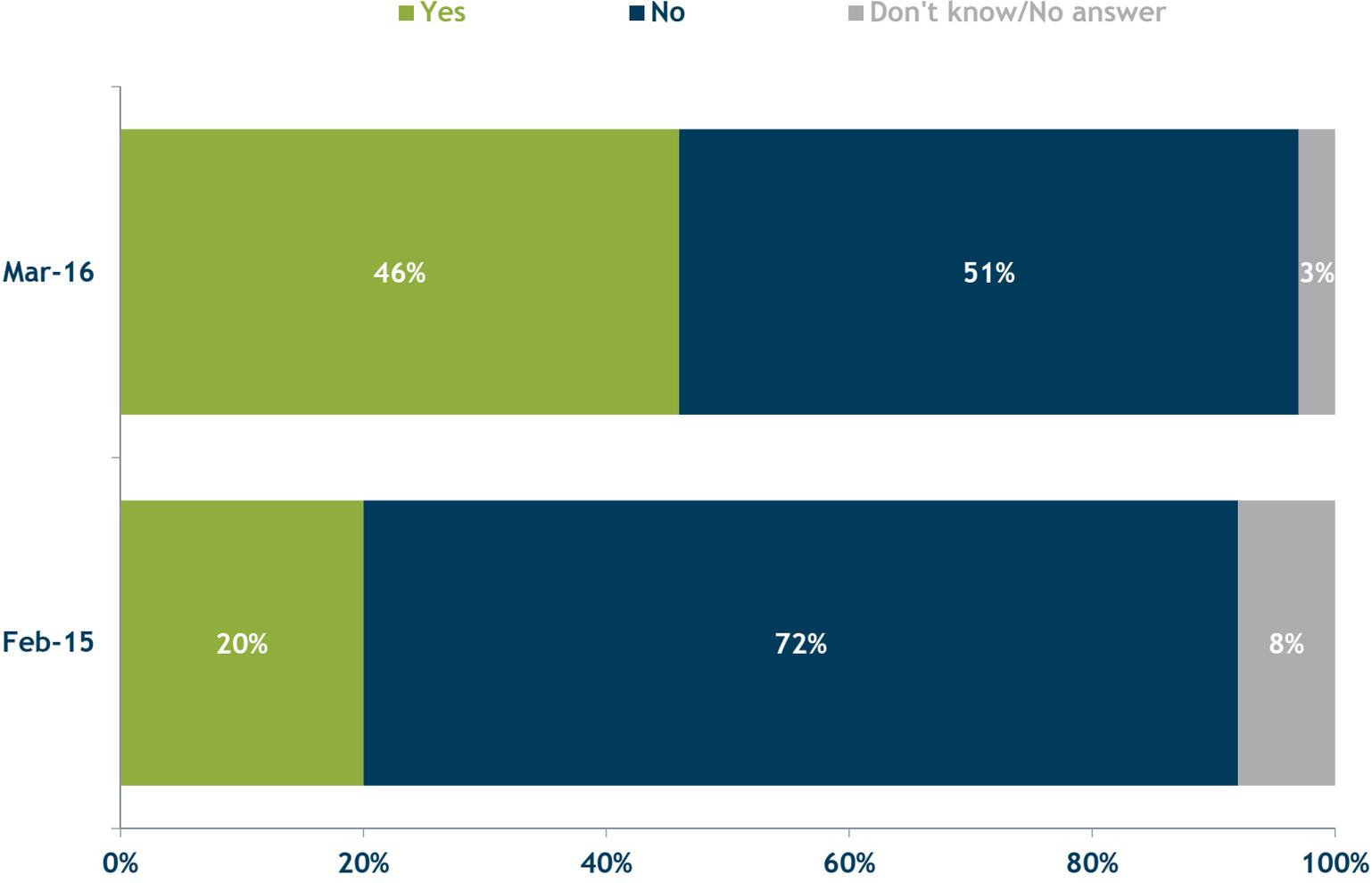
Elections

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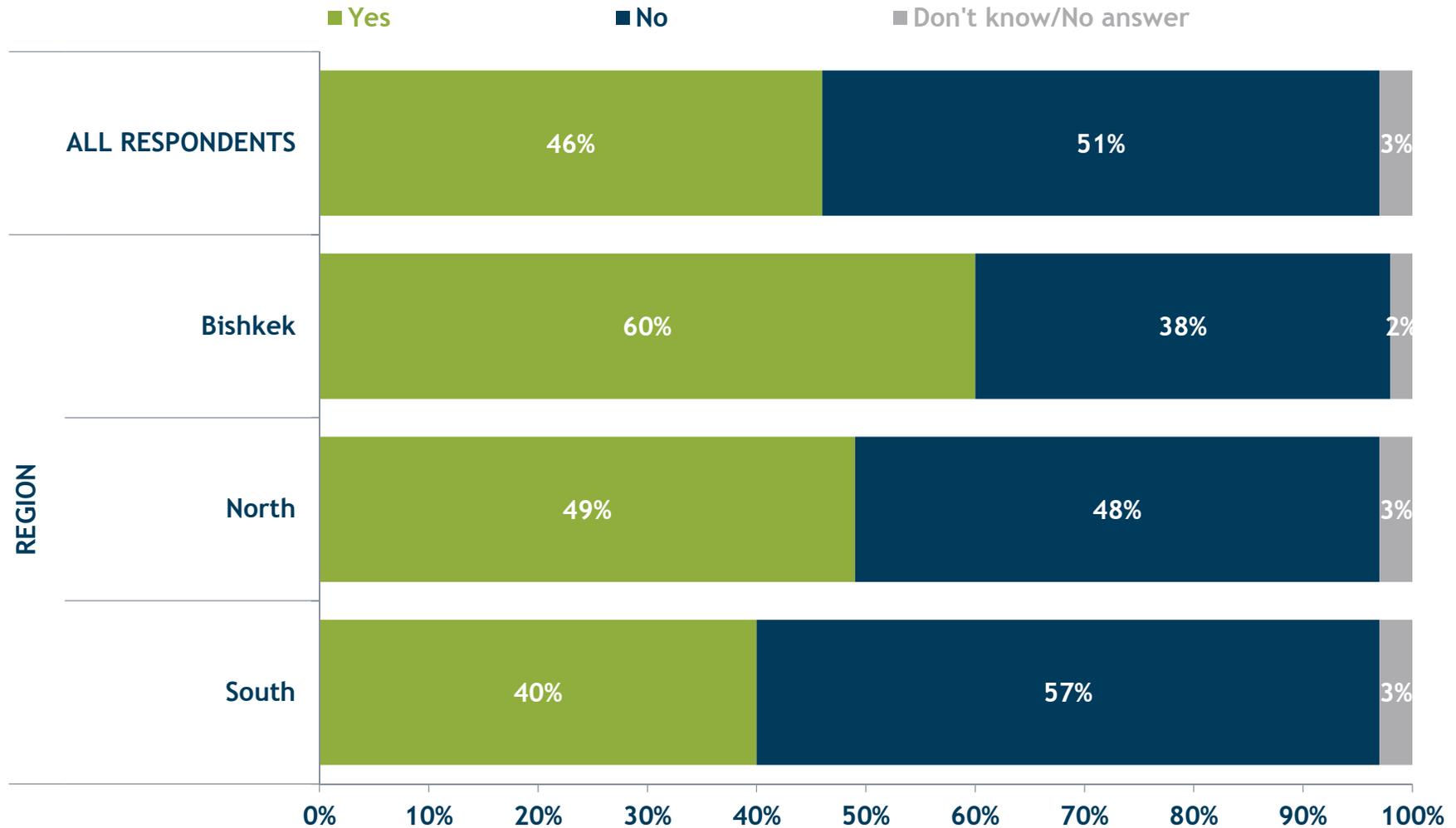
How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the next elections?



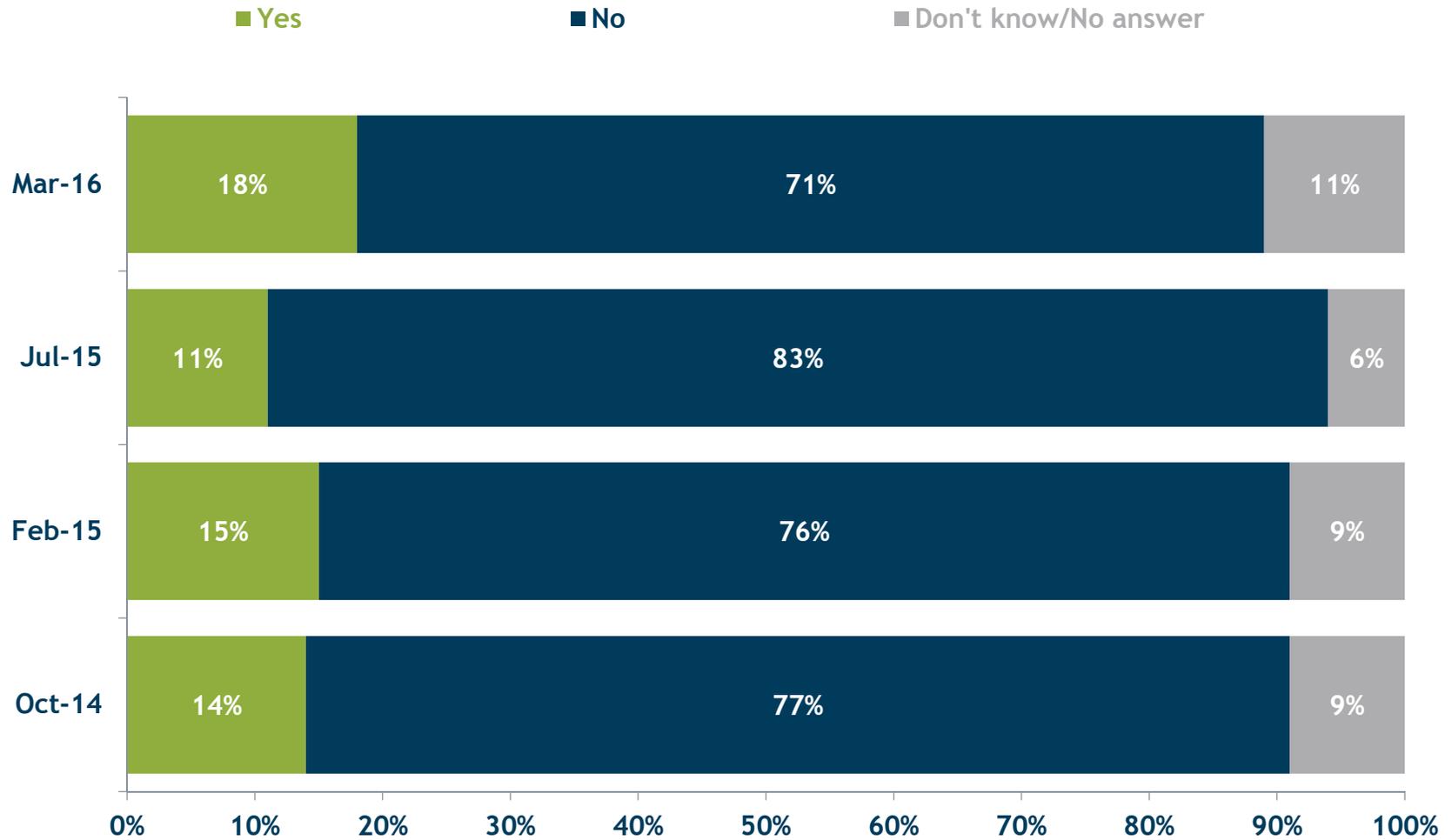
Do you feel you have sufficient information on recent changes to Electoral Code and voting processes?



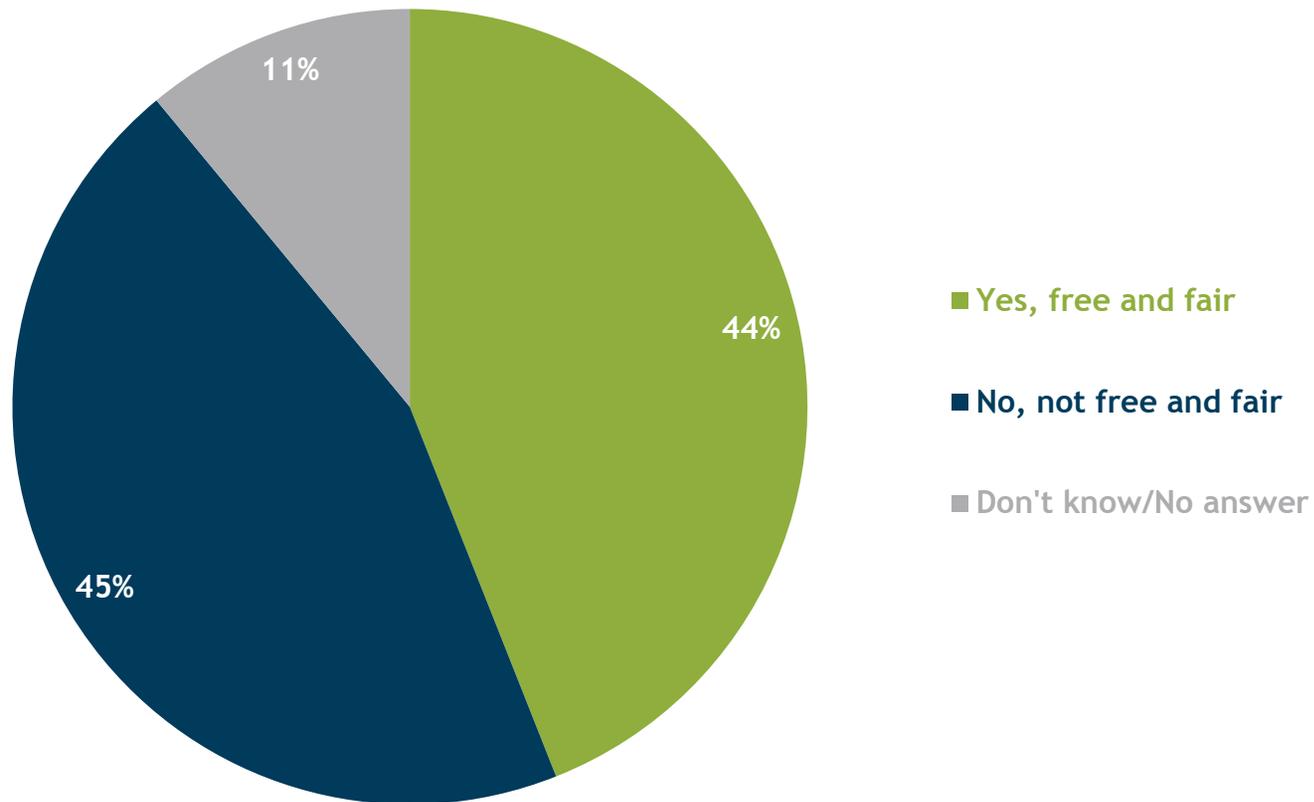
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In your opinion, does your financial situation depend on the results of elections in general?

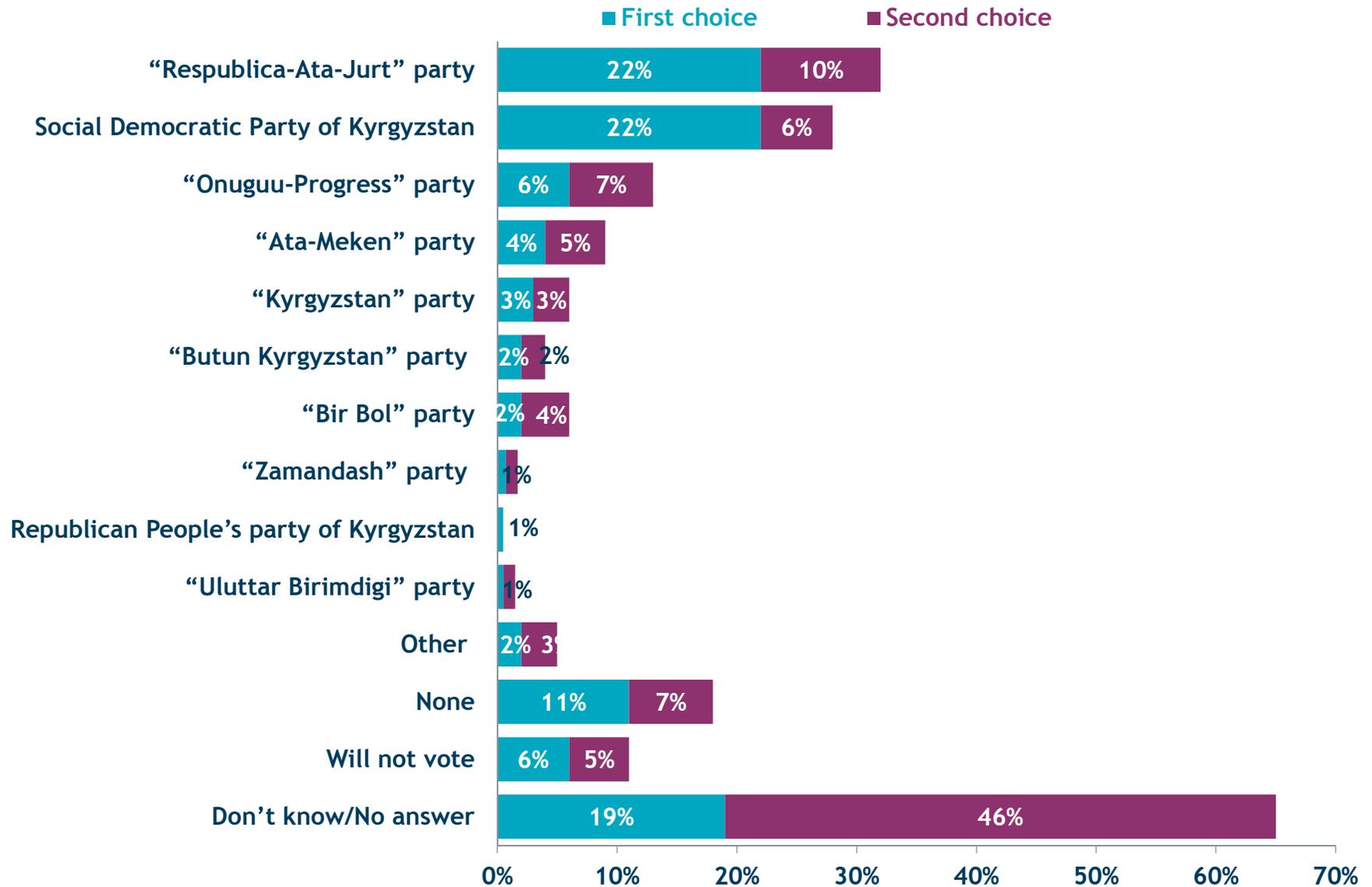


Thinking about the last parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan in October 2015, do you believe those were free and fair elections?



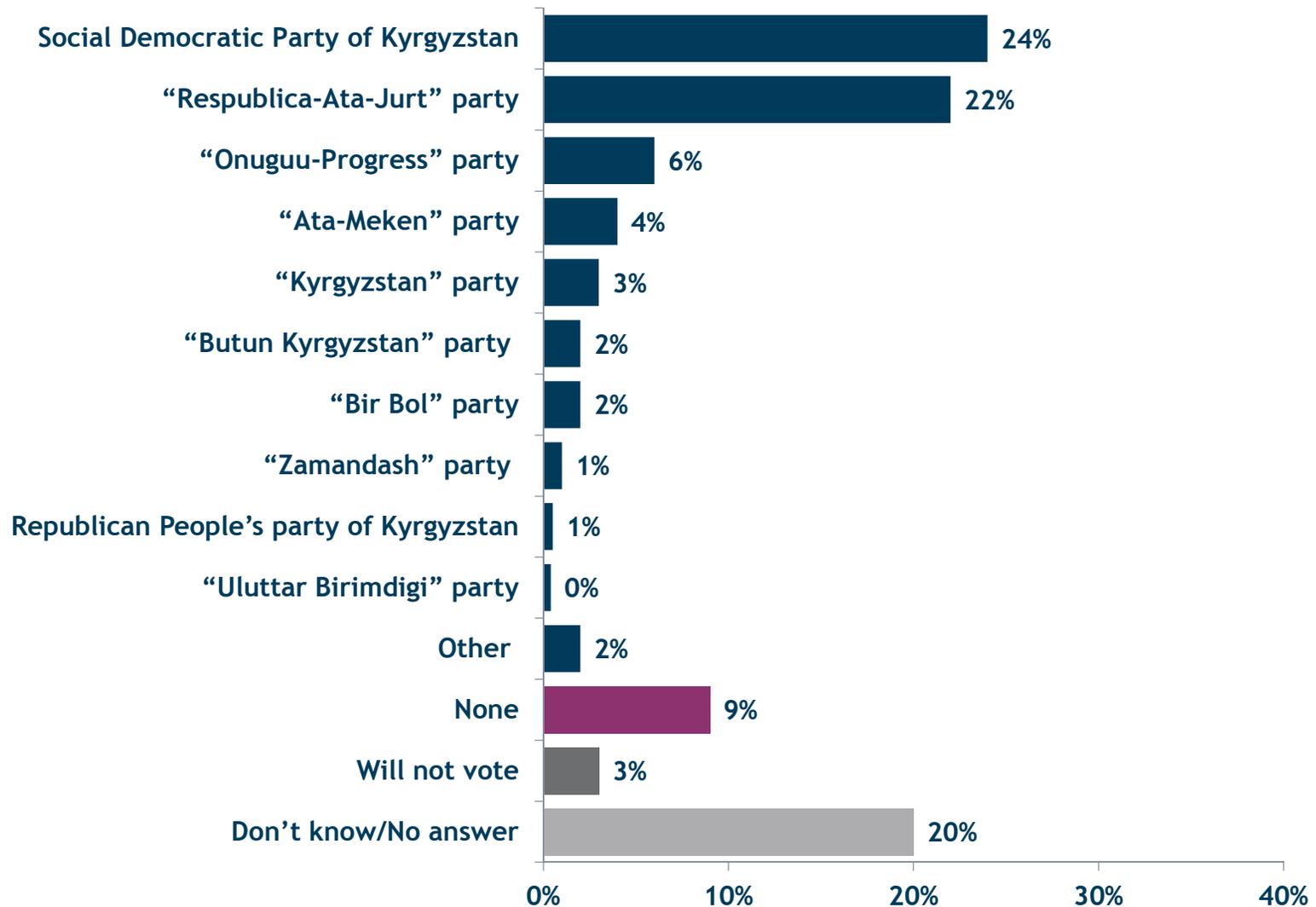
If the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday, for which party would you vote?

If, for some reason, the party you previously mentioned as your first voting choice does not participate in the elections, for which other party would you vote?

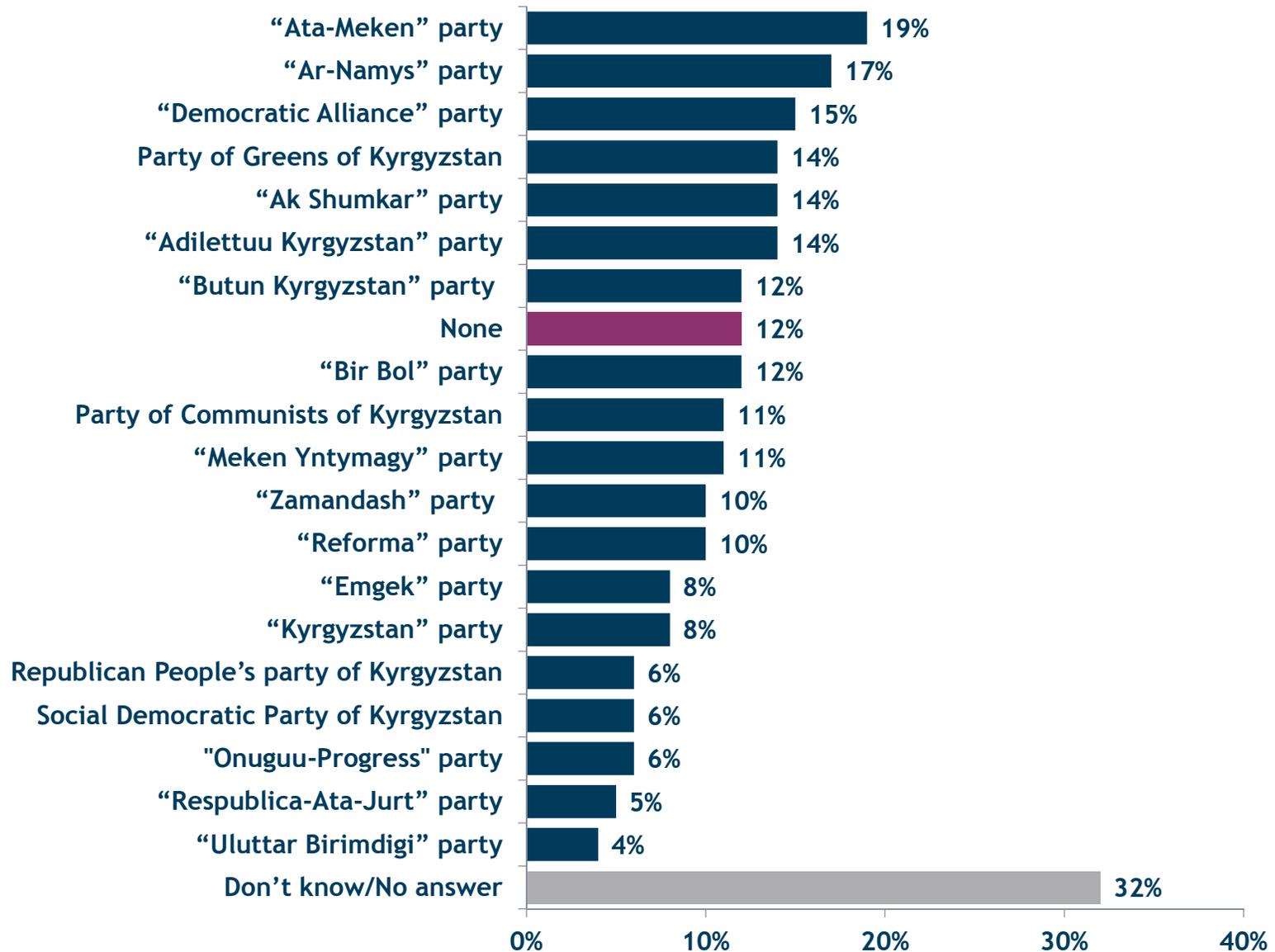


Which of the parties would you vote for if the parliamentary elections were held next Sunday?

Likely voters, N=1,153



For which parties would you never vote?

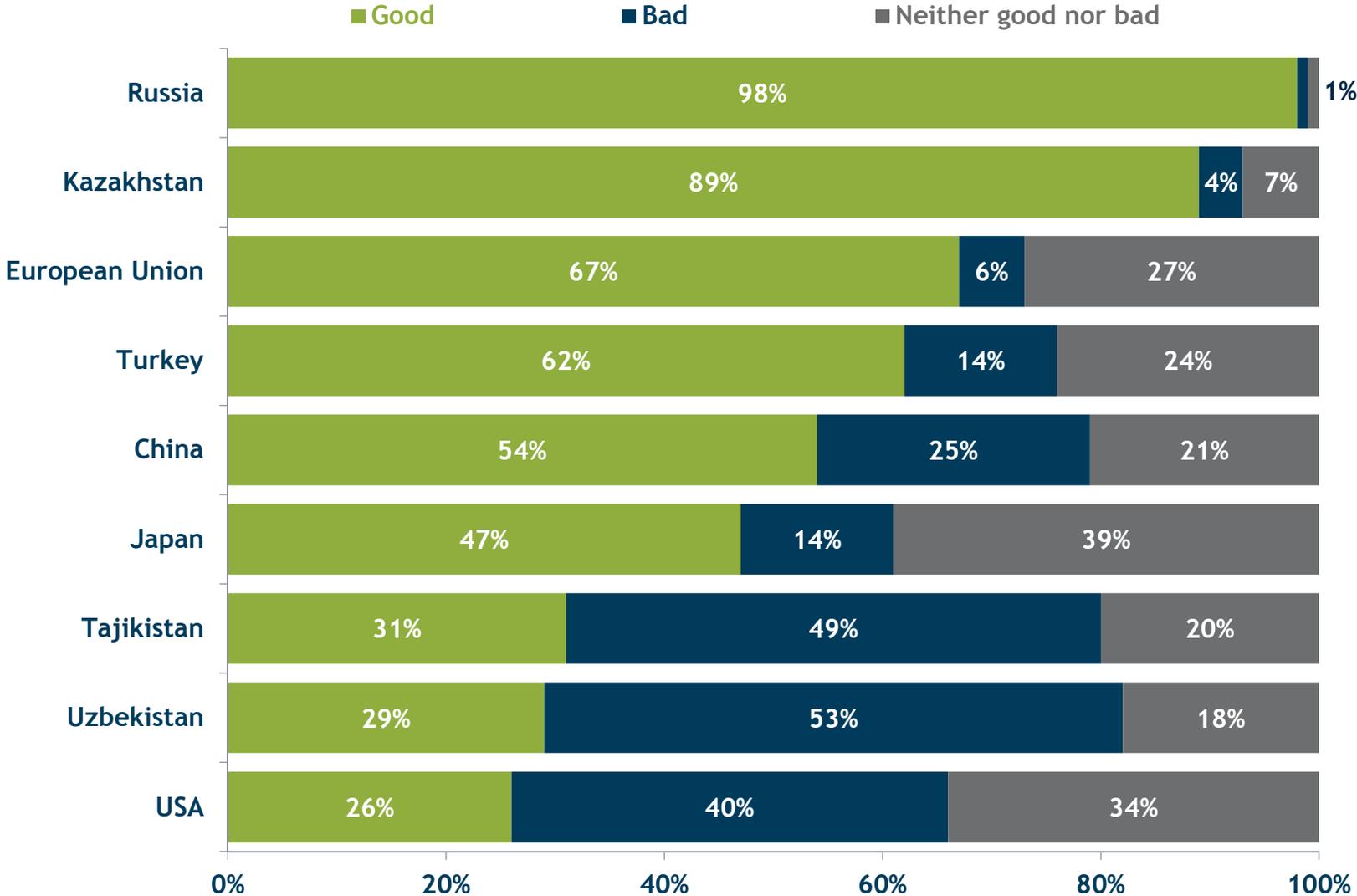




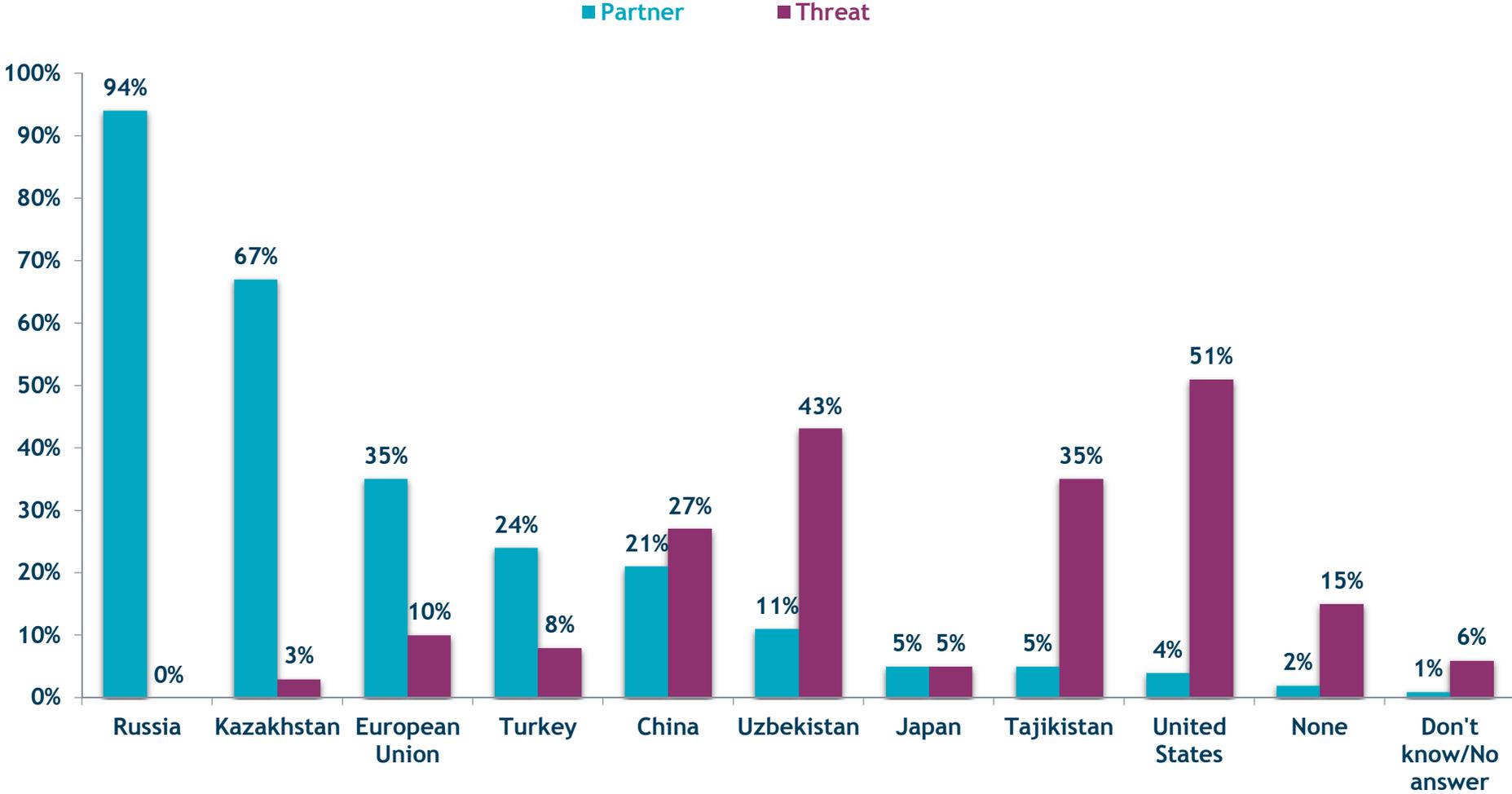
International Relations

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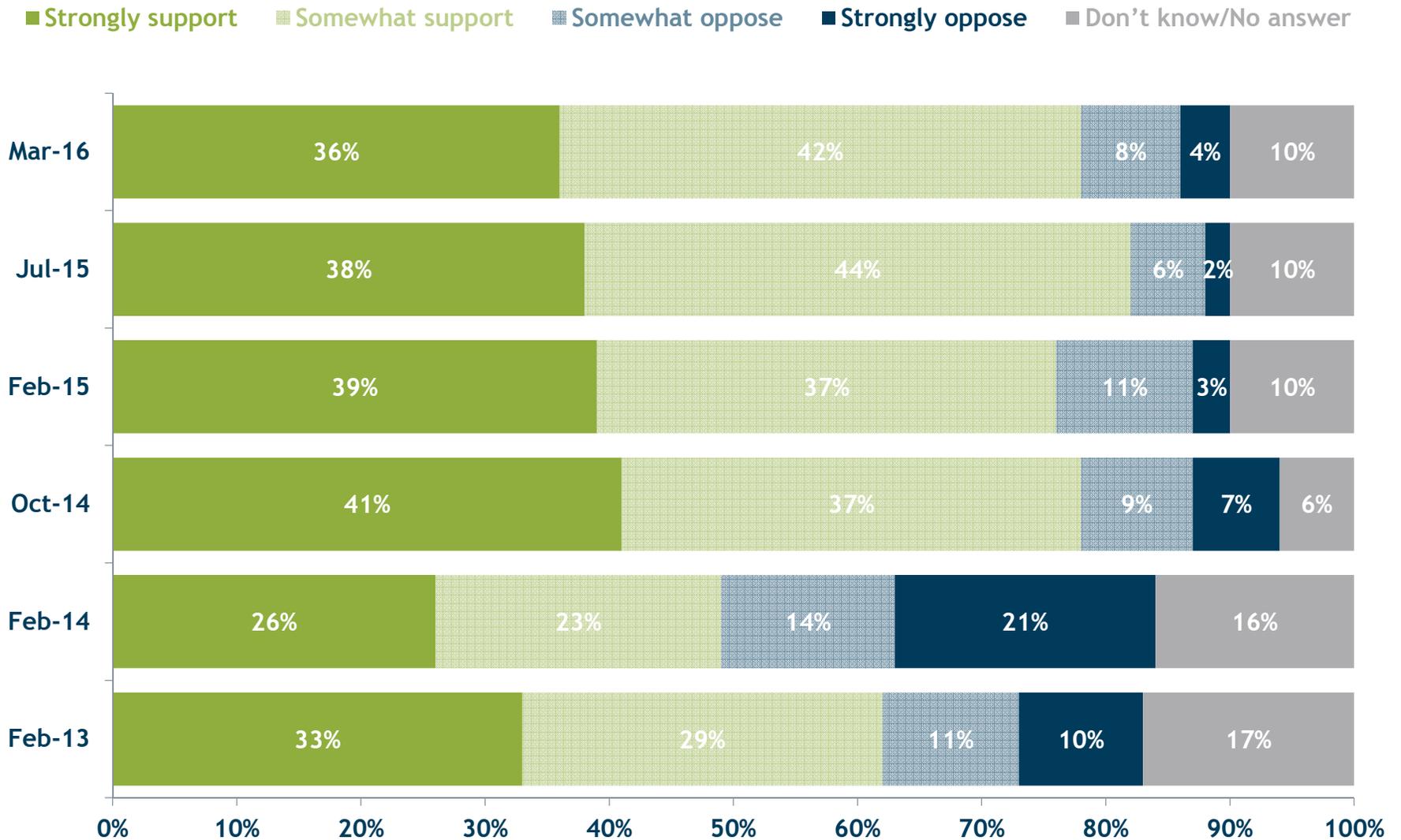
How would you assess the current relations between Kyrgyzstan and the following countries?



Which of these countries do you think are the most important economic partners and which do you think pose the greatest economic threats to Kyrgyzstan?

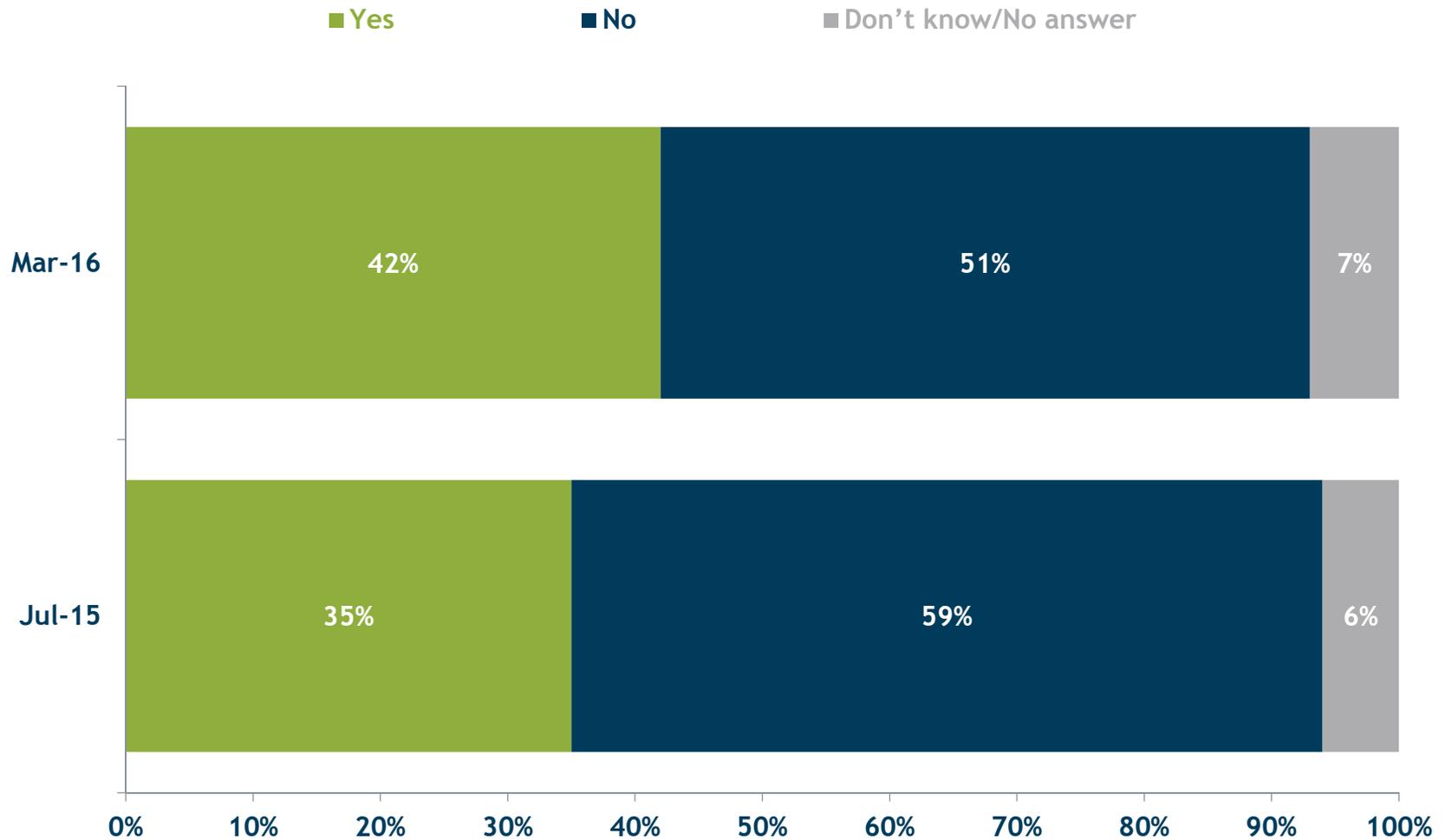


Do you support Kyrgyzstan joining the Customs Union with Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Armenia?*

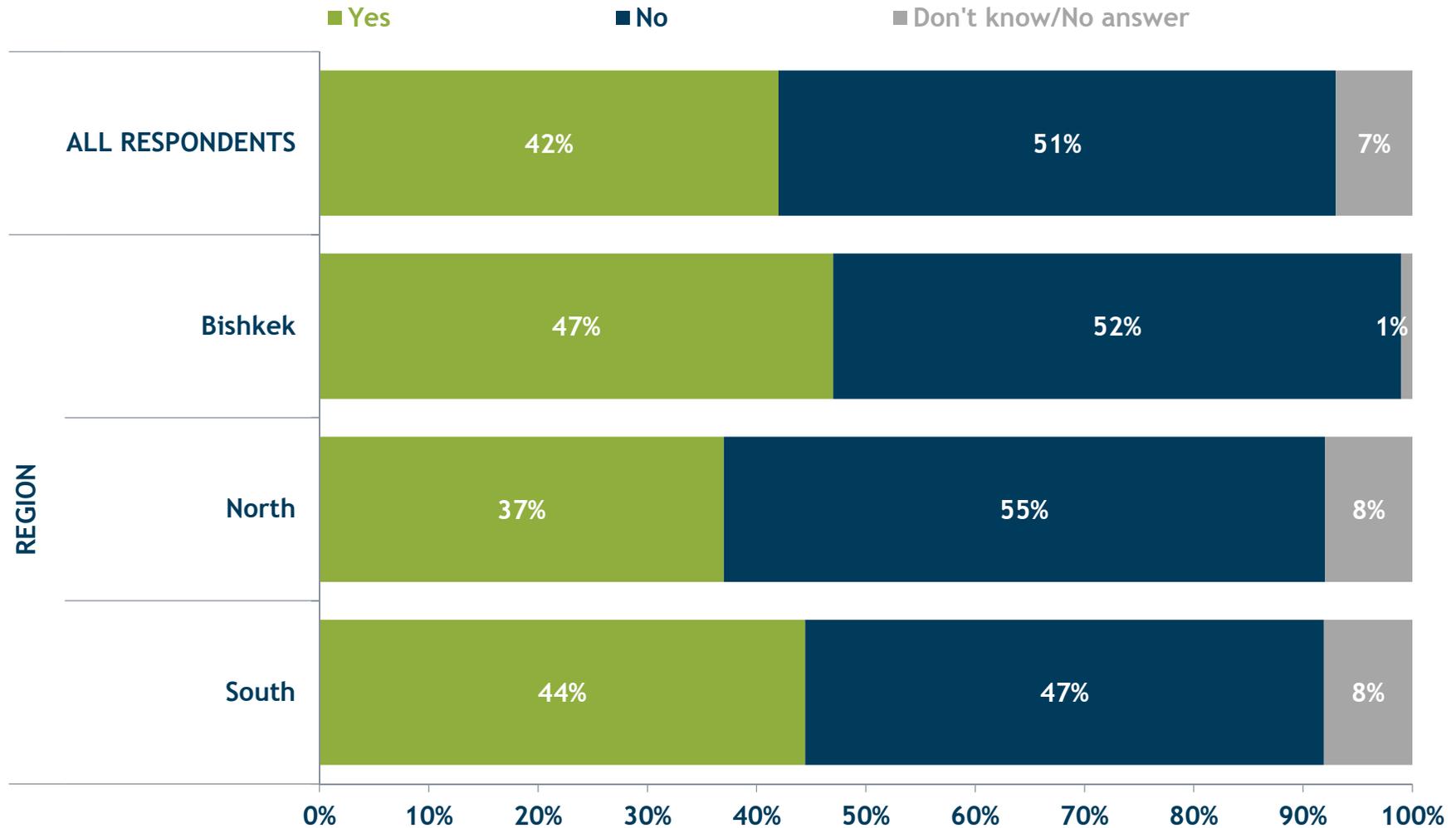


*Armenia became a member of the Customs Union in 2015, therefore the wording of this question changed for the 2016 survey.

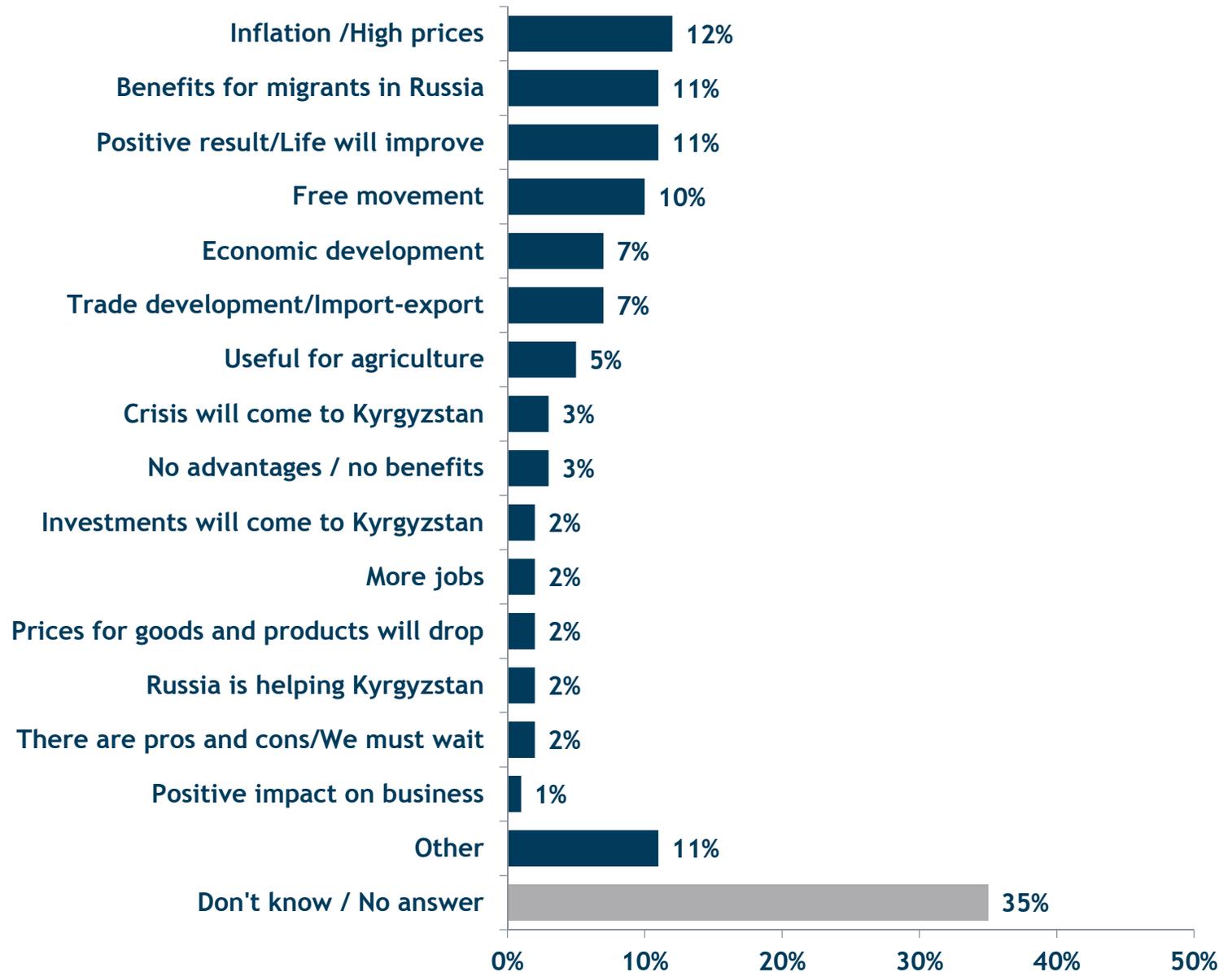
Do you think you have sufficient information on the process and outcomes of Kyrgyzstan's accession to the Customs Union?



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In your opinion, what outcomes (both positive and negative) will Customs Union membership have for Kyrgyzstan?



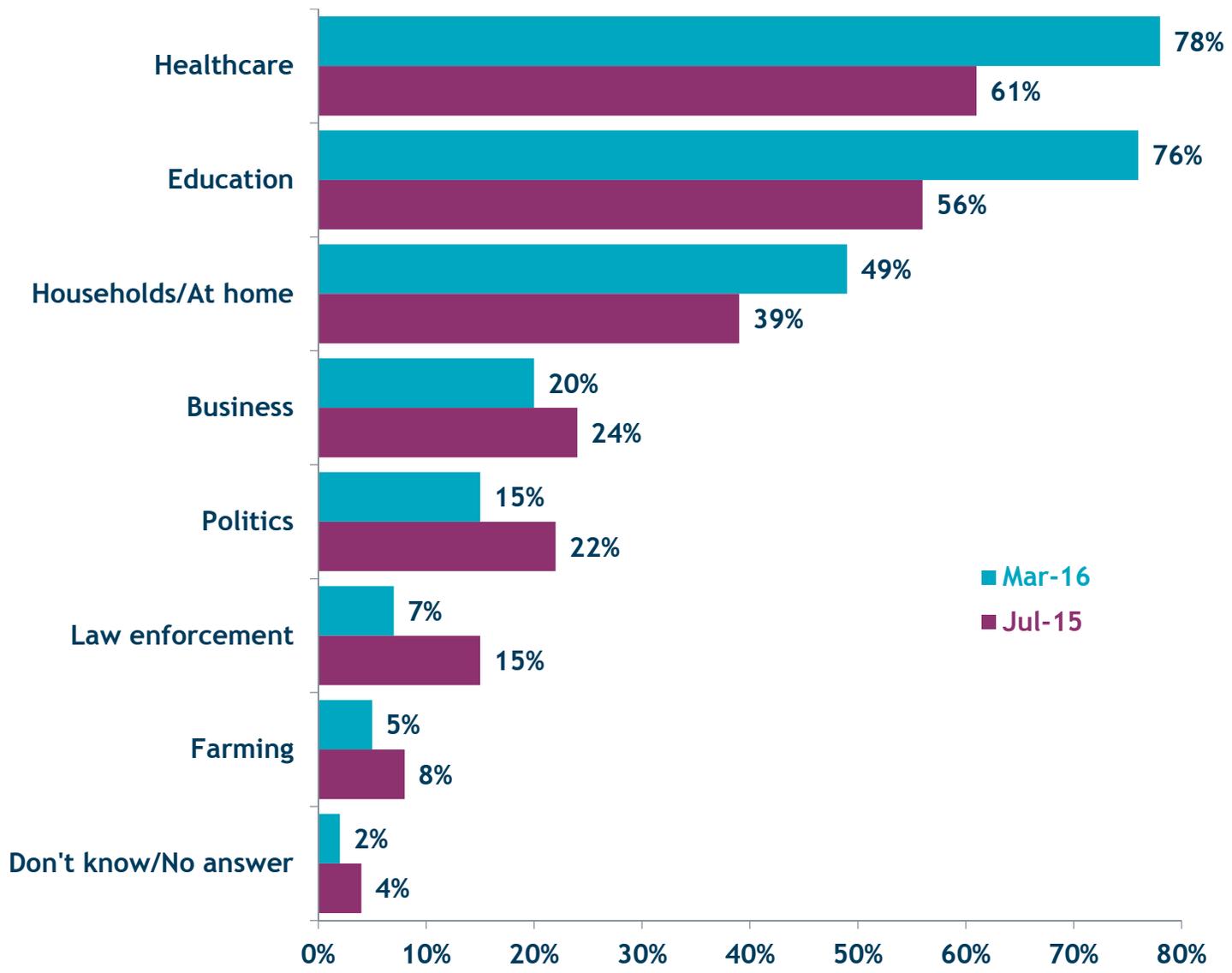


Human Rights

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Which sectors of society do you feel are most important for women to play an expanded role?

Three answers allowed

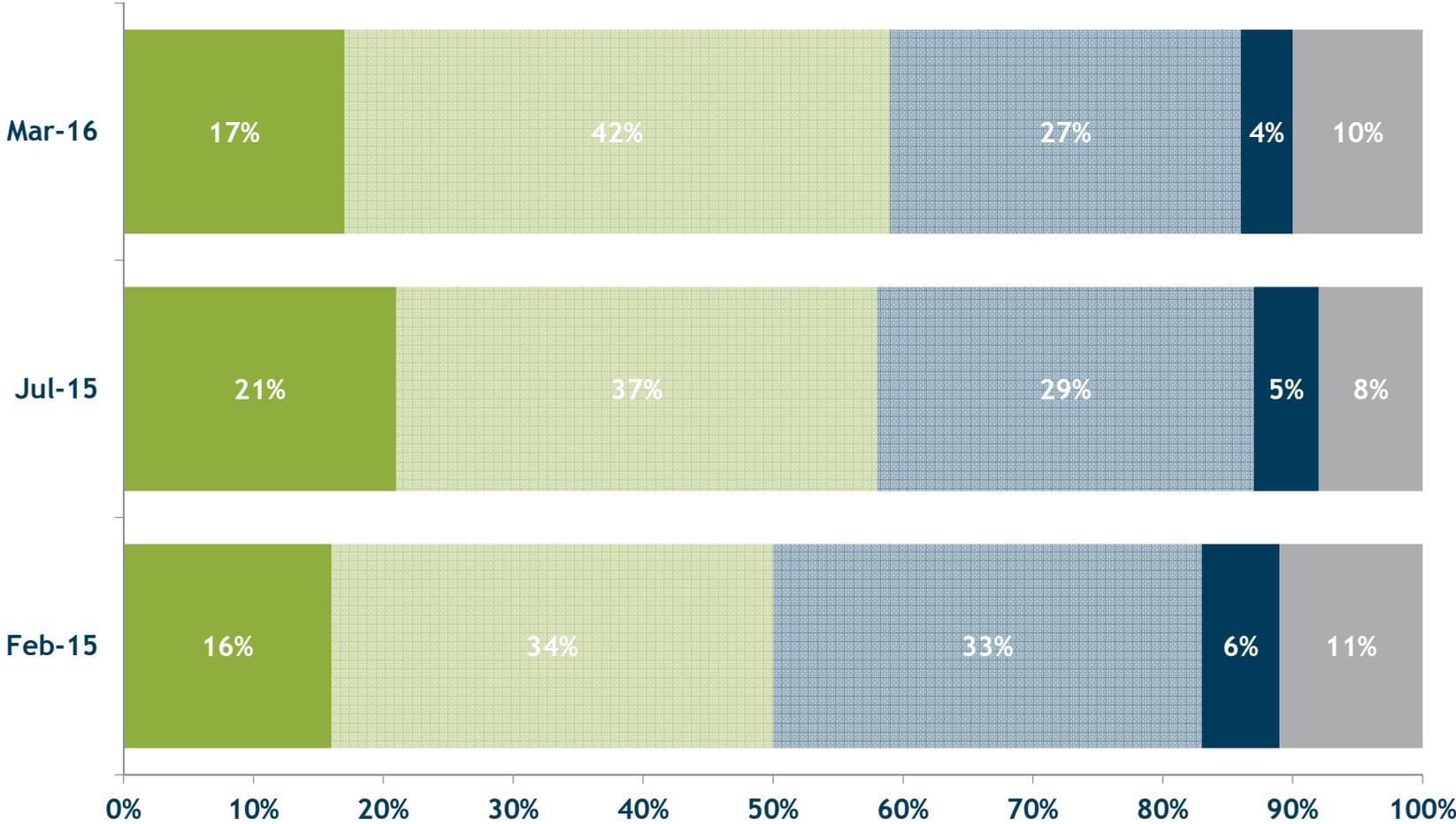


If there are two candidates running for office and they have the same qualifications aside from the fact that one is a man and one is a woman, which candidate are you more likely to support?



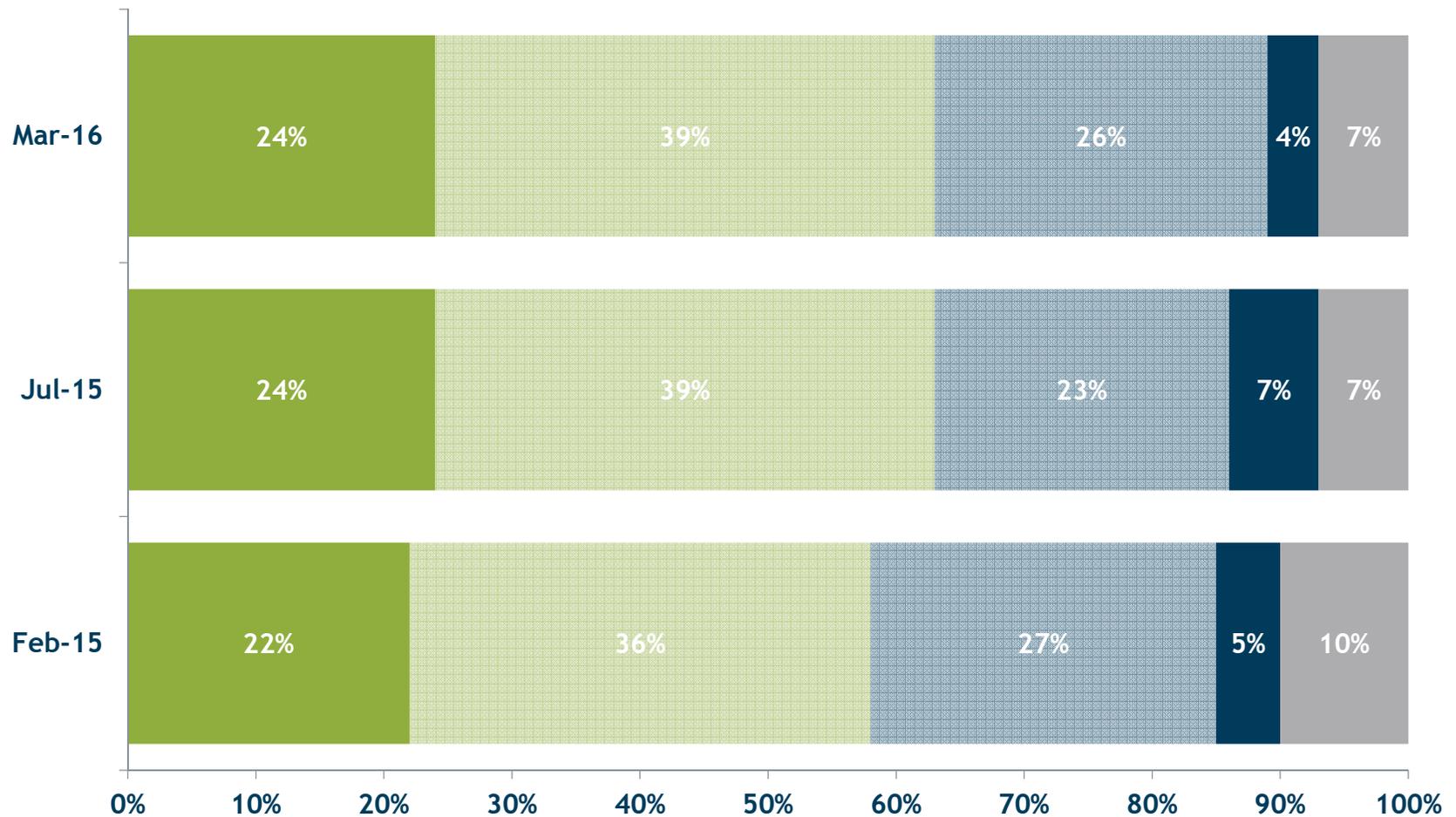
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of women.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer

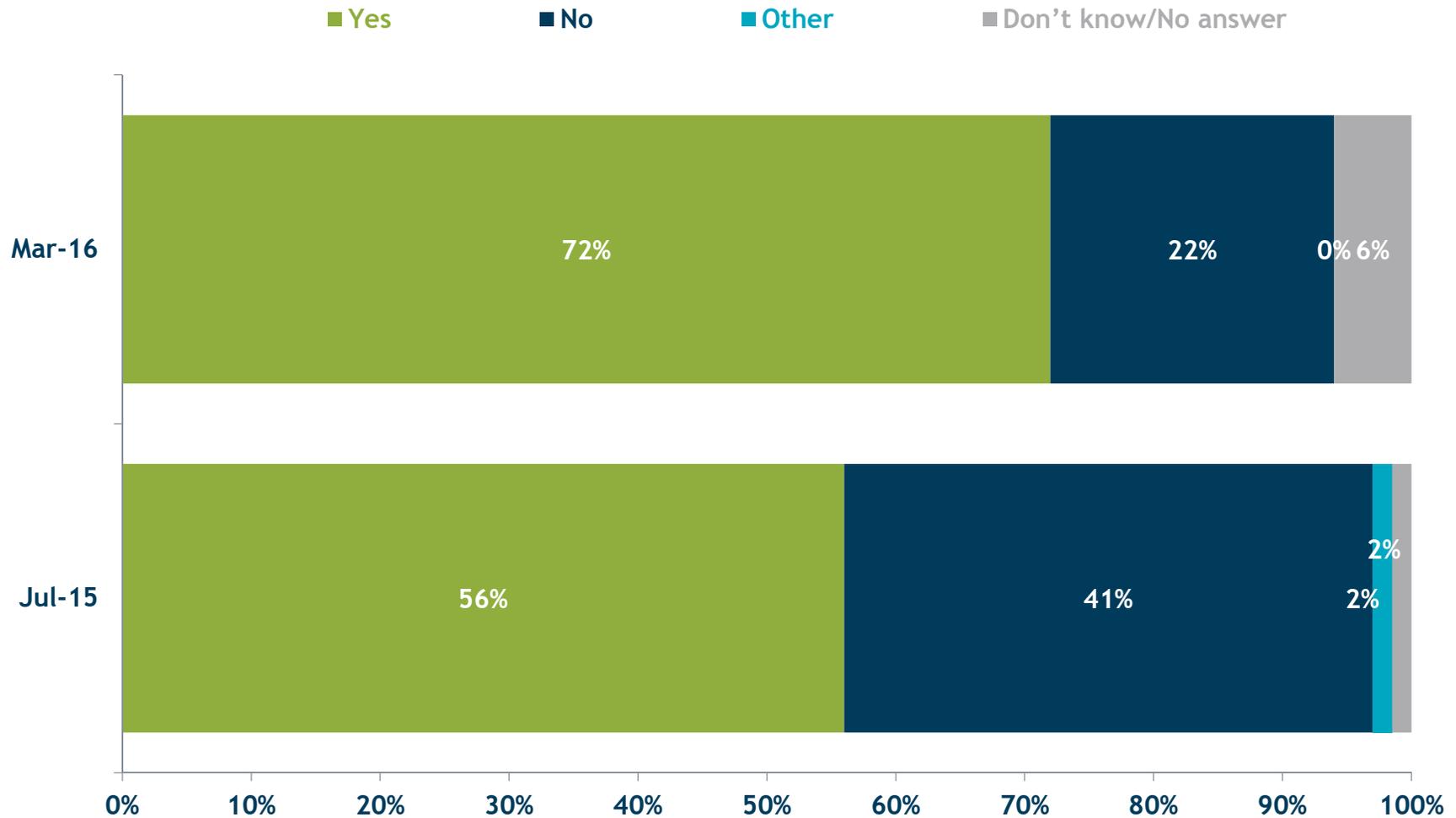


Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Politicians do not listen to the needs and ideas of young people.”

■ Strongly agree ■ Somewhat agree ■ Somewhat disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know/No answer



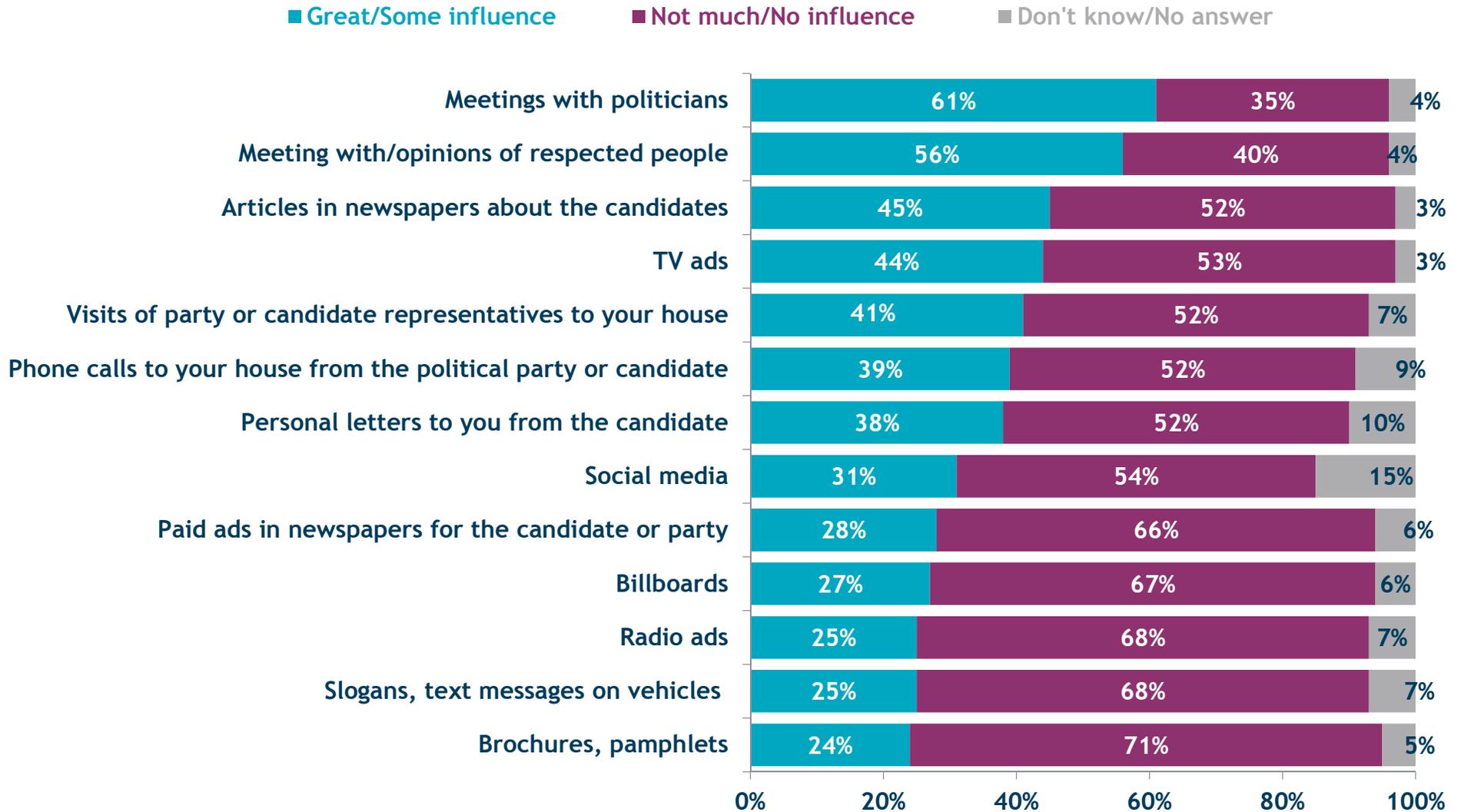
Does the state protect citizens' rights equally regardless of their ethnicity in Kyrgyzstan?



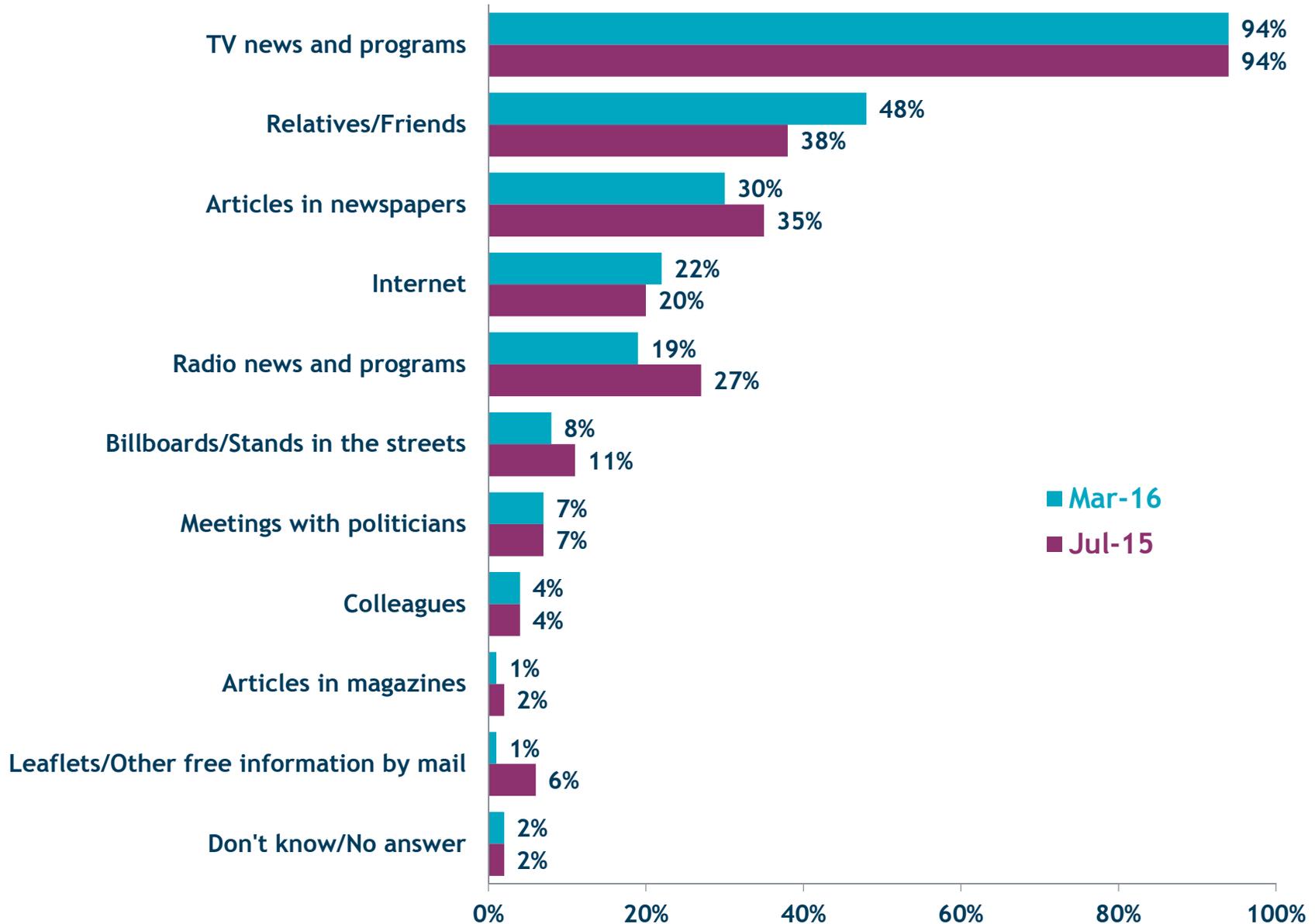


Sources of Information

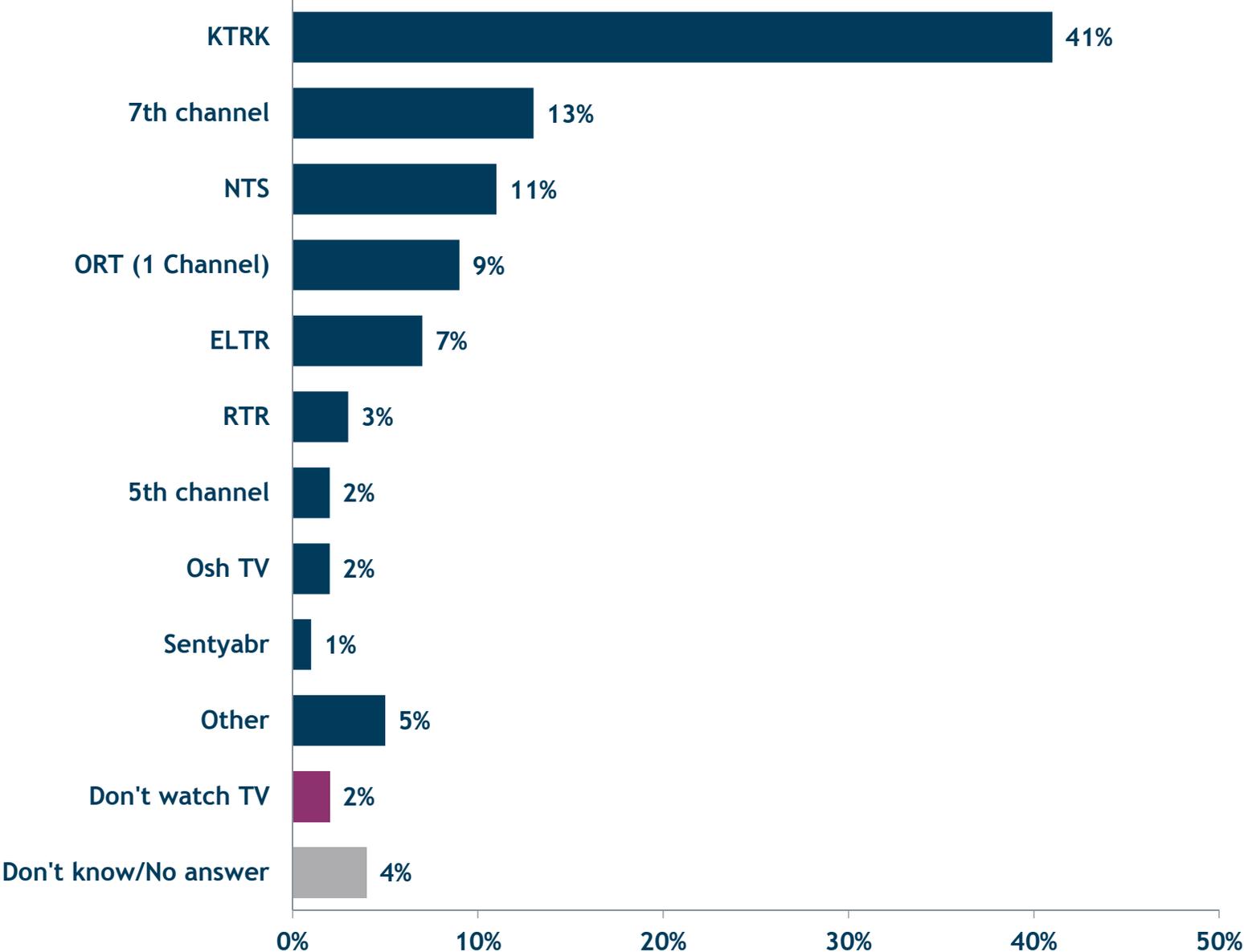
In general, which of the following would most influence your views of parties or candidates?



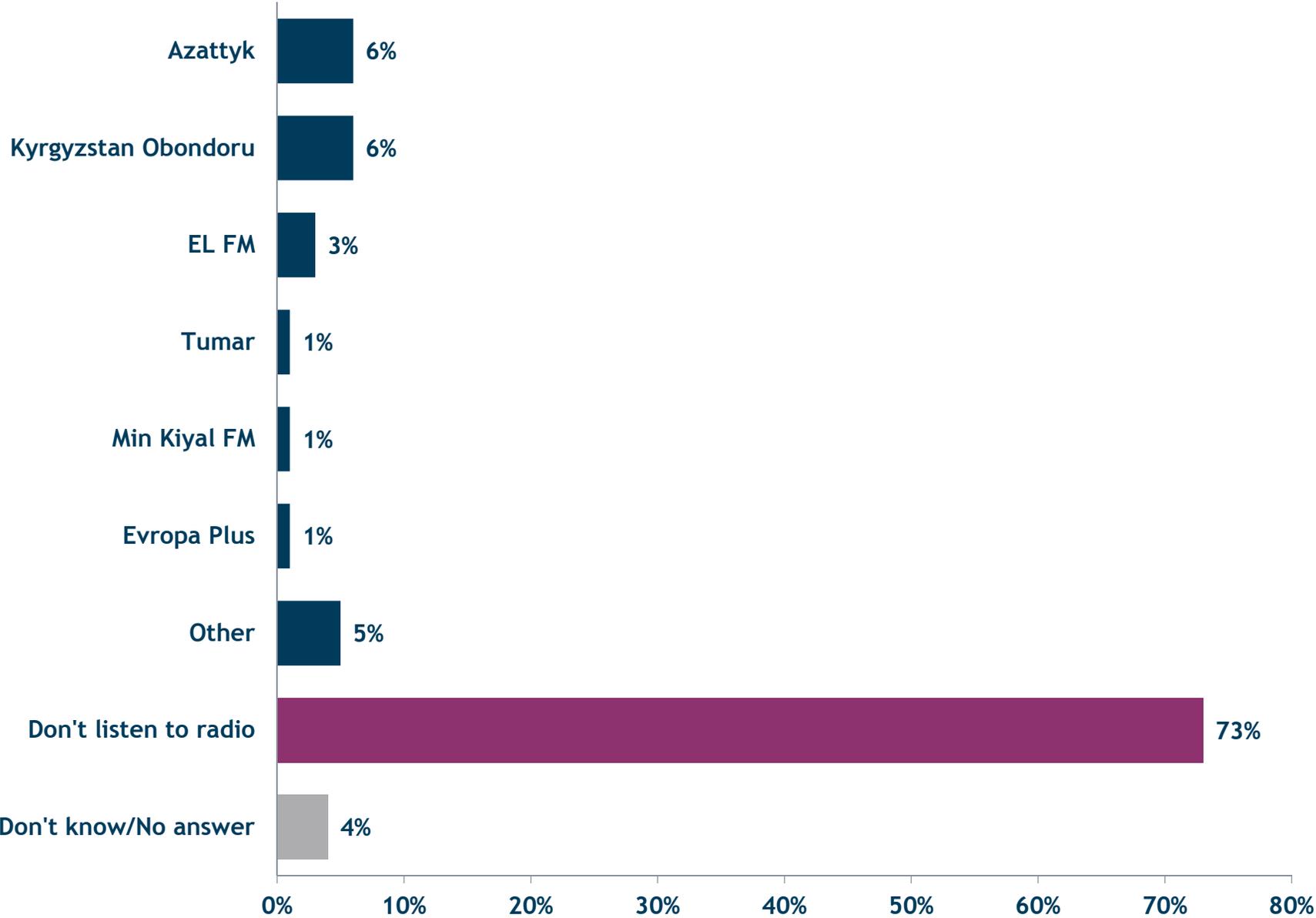
Which of these media outlets do you use for gaining political information?



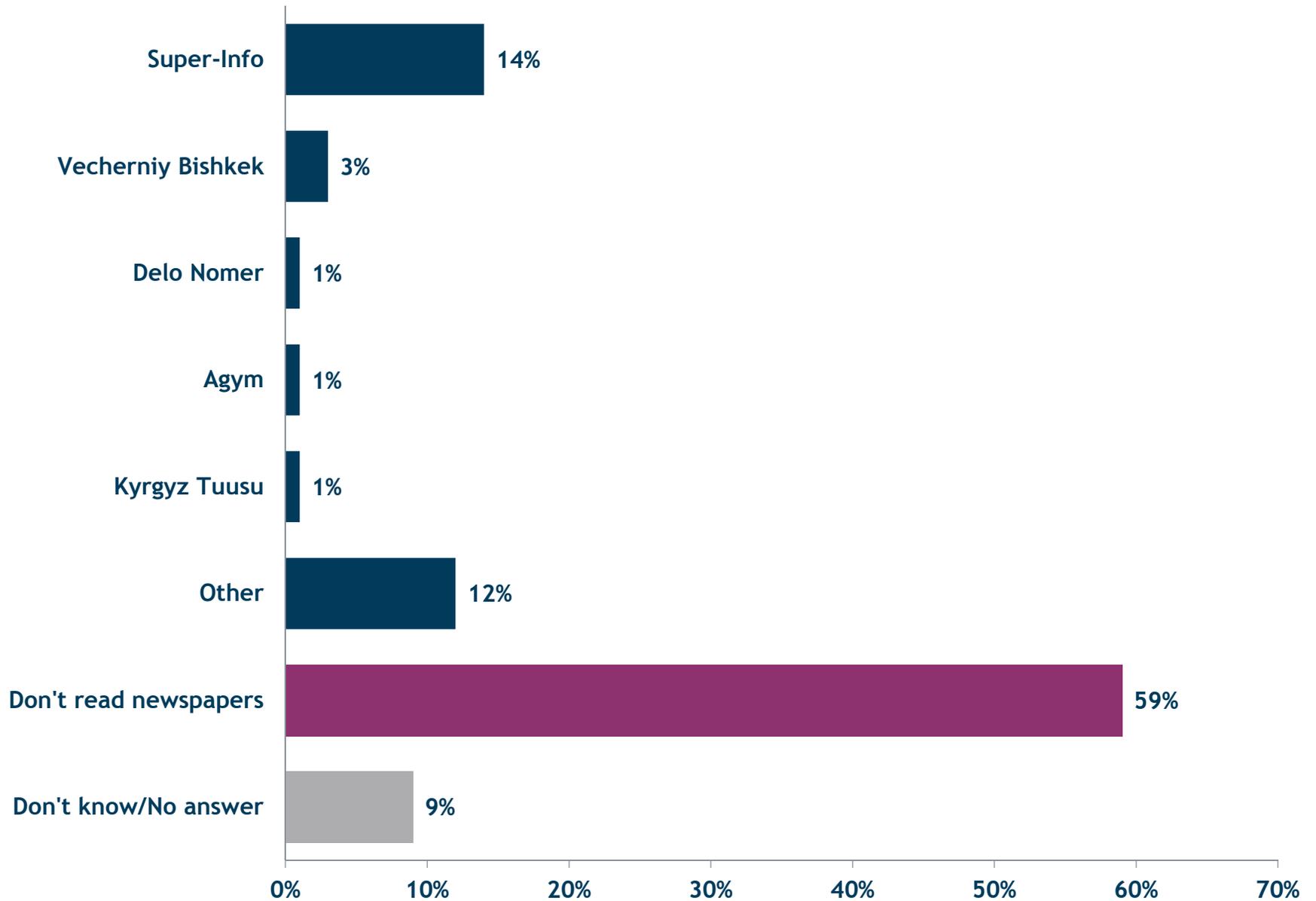
Which TV channel do you trust most for news and political information?



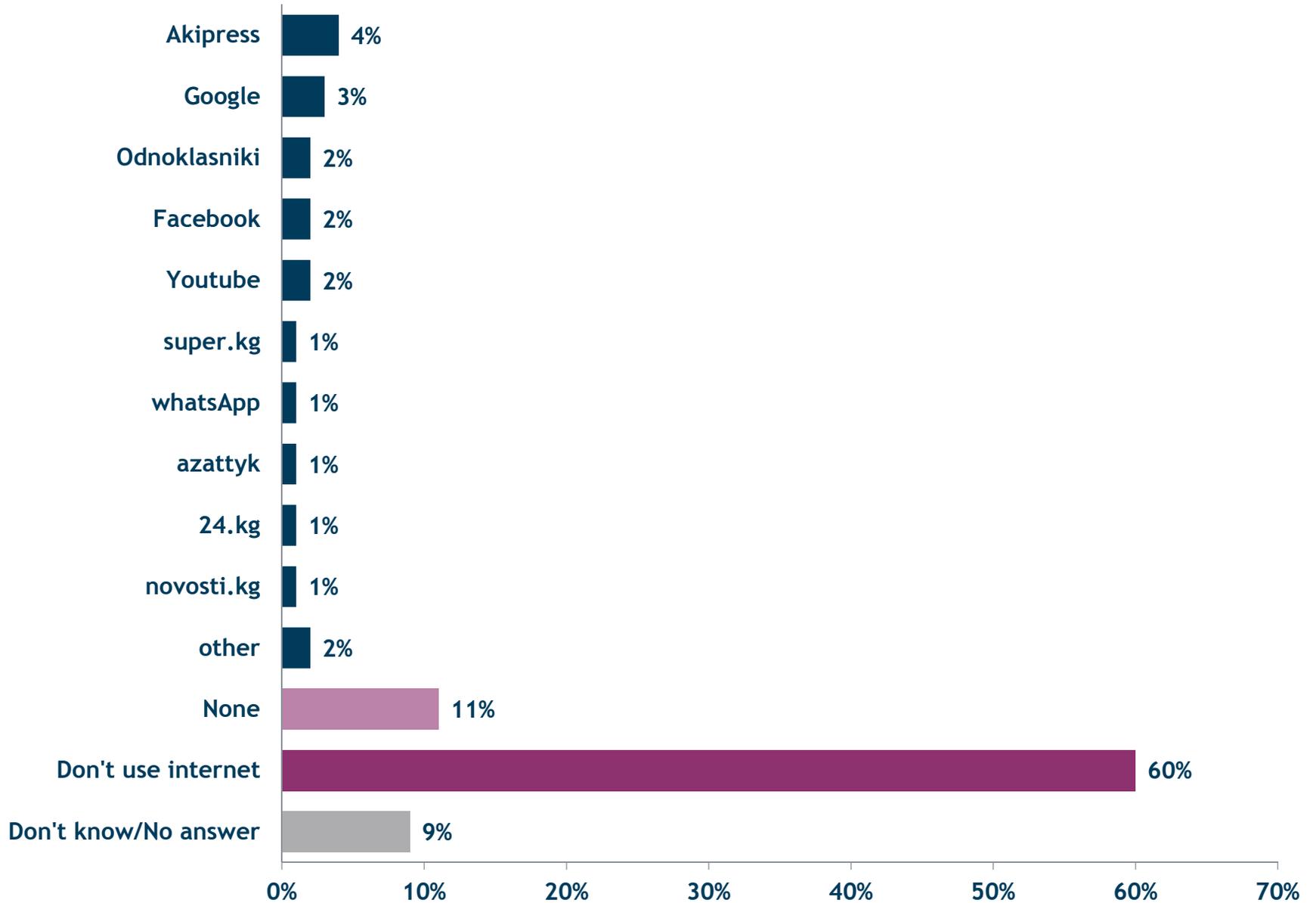
Which radio station do you trust most for news and political information?



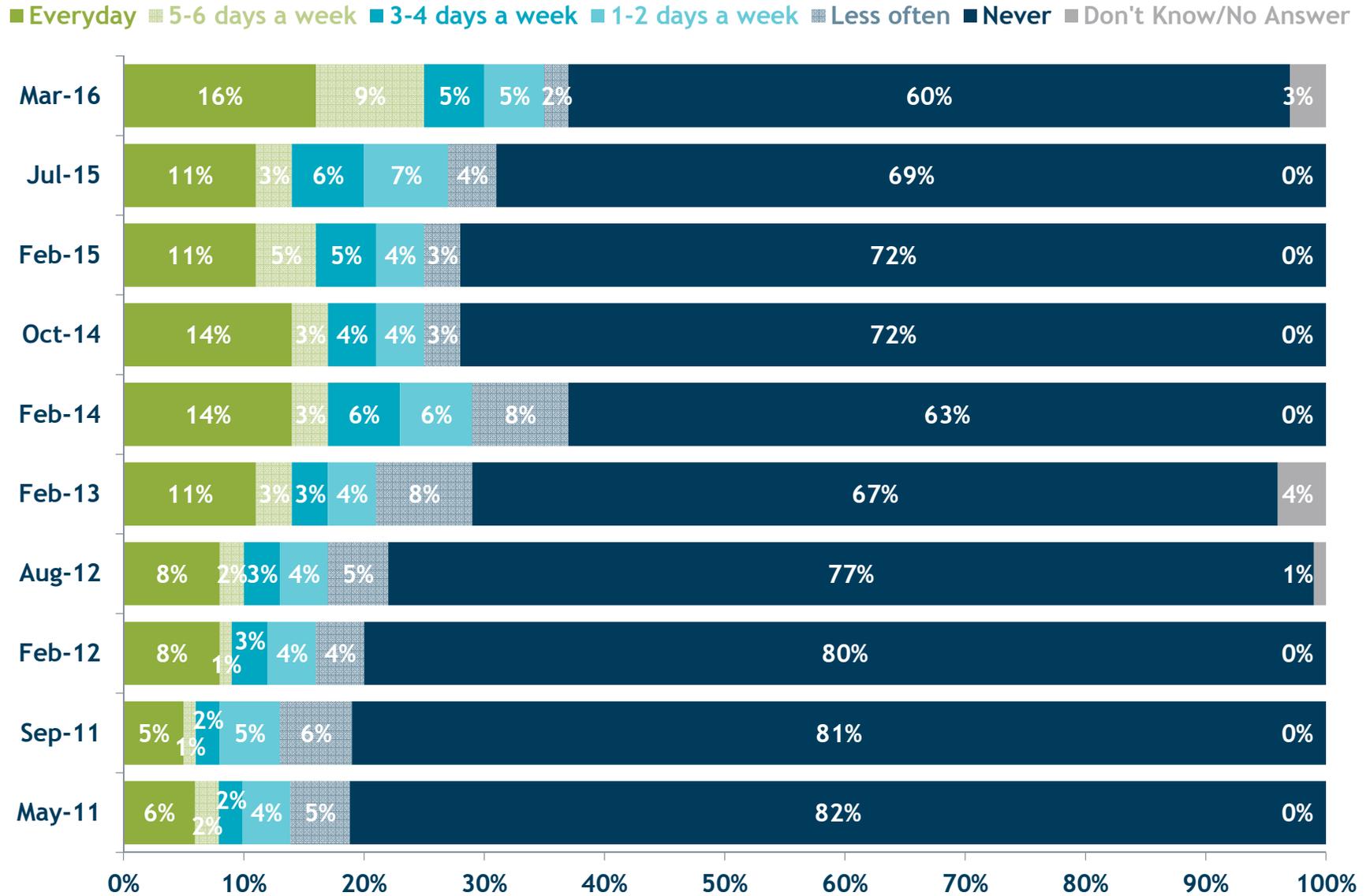
Which newspaper do you trust most for news and political information?



Which website/online resource do you trust most for news and political information?

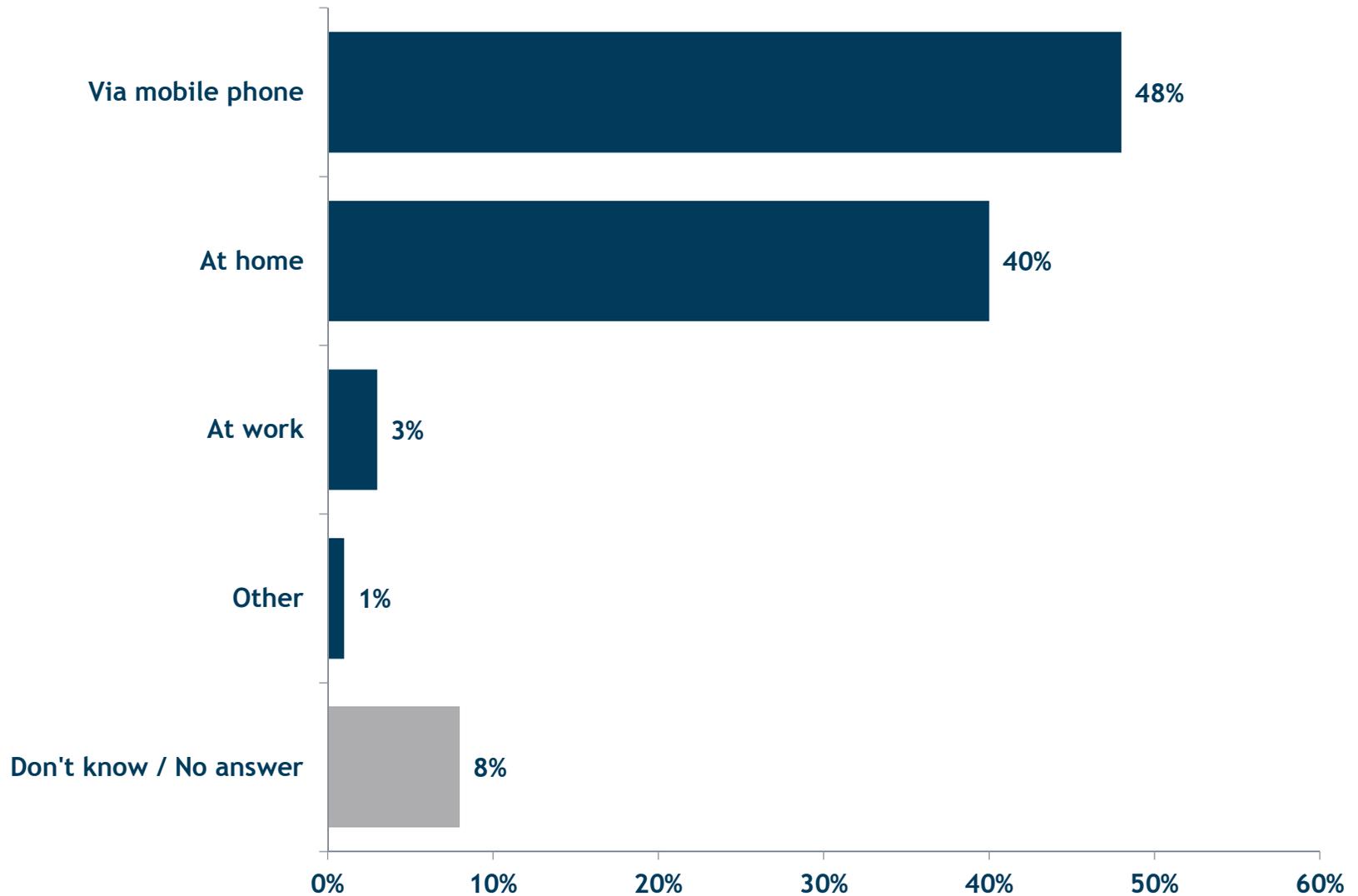


How often do you use the Internet?



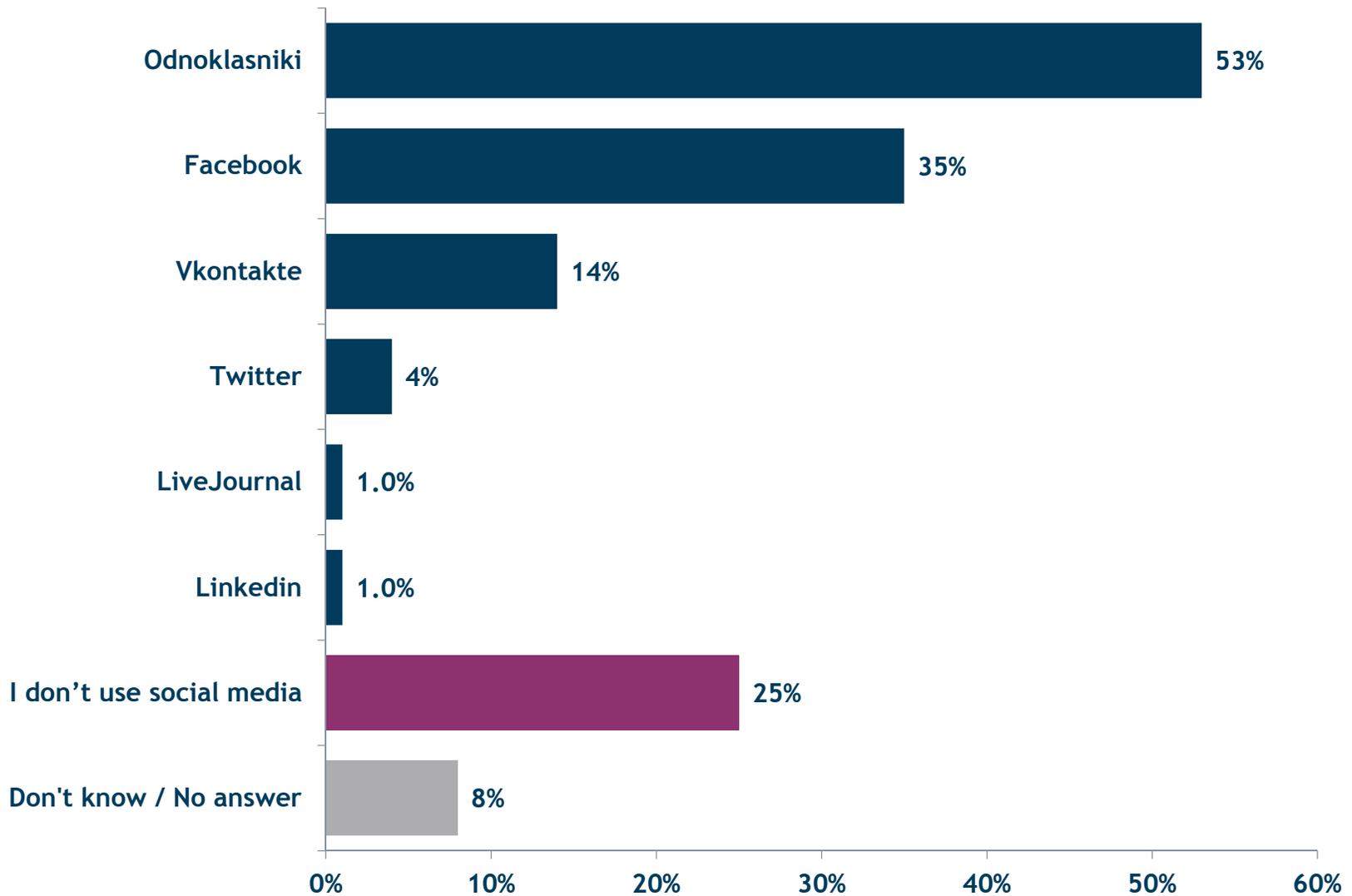
Where do you access the Internet?

Internet users, N=601



Which social media sites do you use?

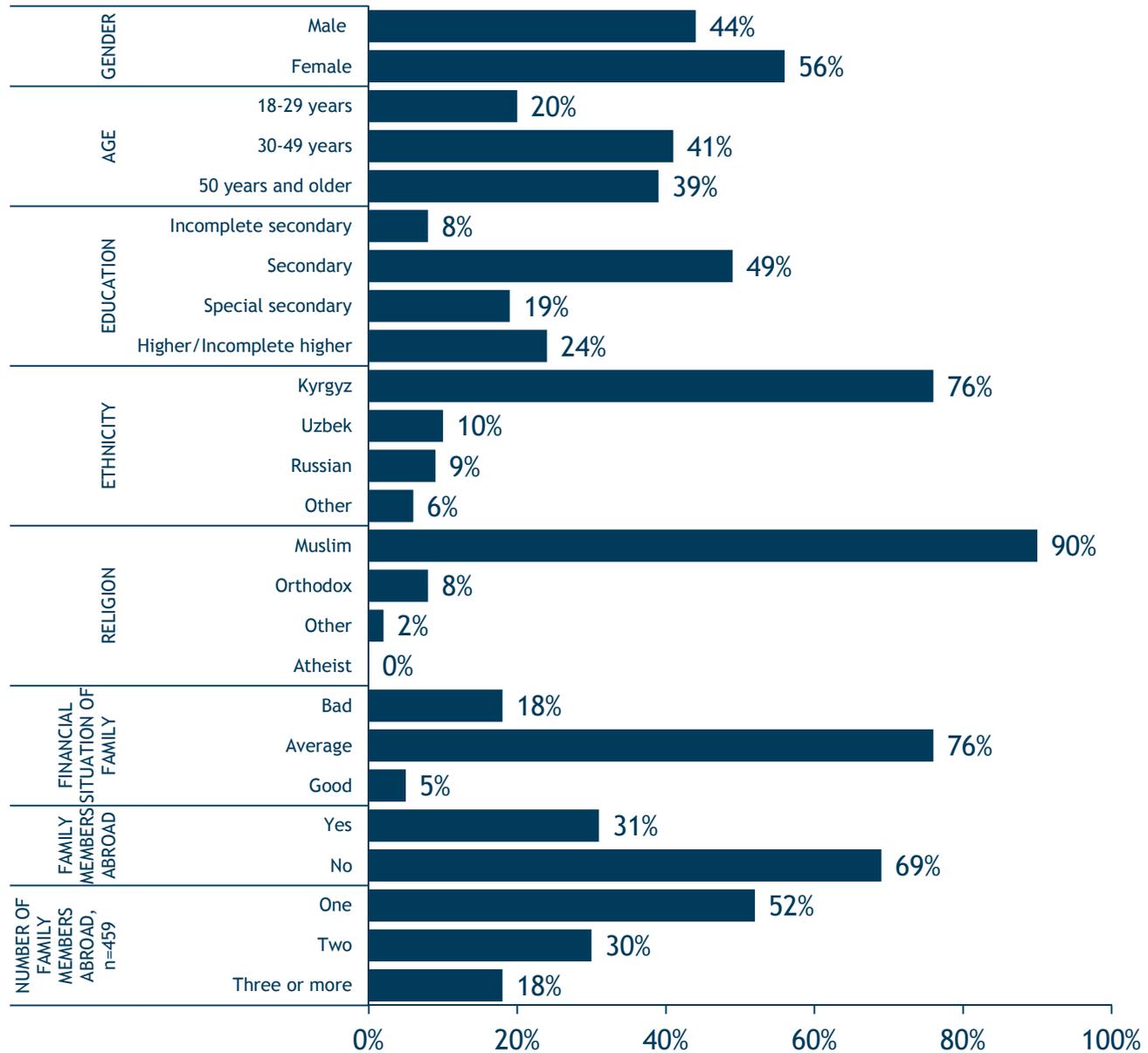
Internet users, n=601



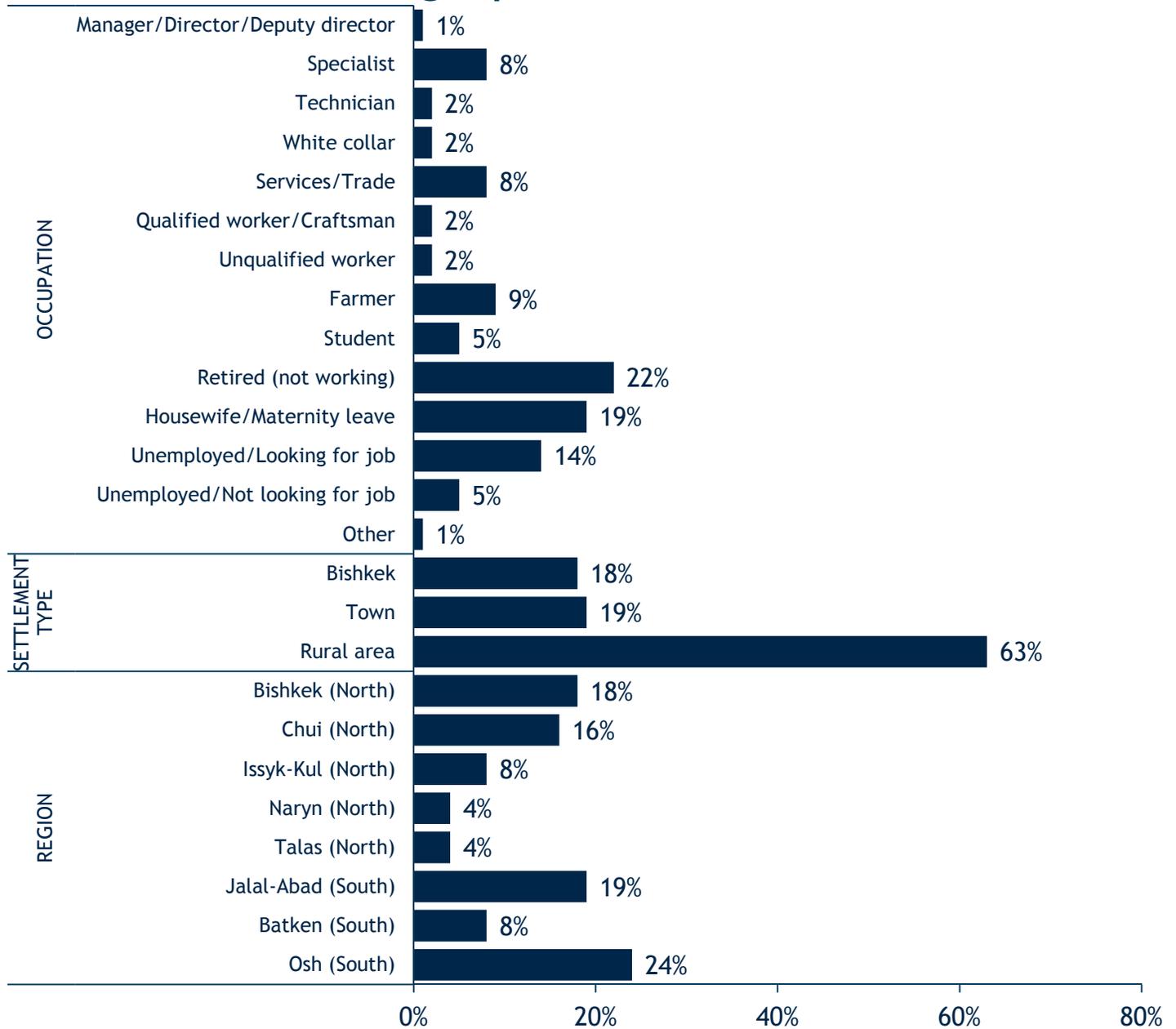


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